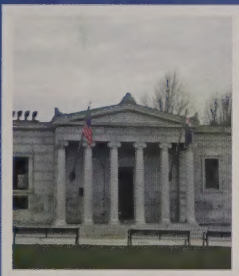
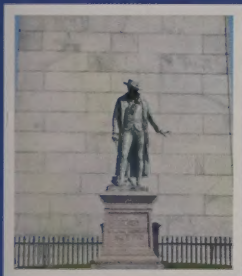


Charlestown High School
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Charlestown High School is located in an historic Boston neighborhood and has been serving the students of Boston since 1845. It is subdivided 4 independent learning small learning communities that offer a small school while simultaneously offering the resources and range of opportunities of a larger school.



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Senior Quotes



Charlestown has been memorable to me because it is an unpredictable place, there's always something going on! Not that is it a bad thing! - **Jamilla**



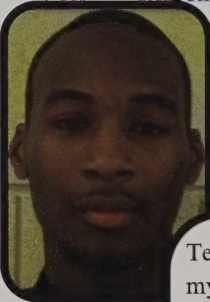
Ten years from now i see myself as a social worker helping out the Boston youth community become more proactive out in the streets. - **Maria**



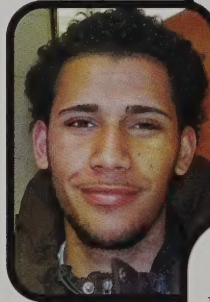
For me, succeeding is not an option. It's the only choice. I plan on fulfilling it because success is only a failure turned inside out. I choose to learn from my mistakes because in the long run they base my success. - **Rickelle Dickson**



Charlestown has been memorable to me because of volleyball and basketball and the atmosphere; all the friends I have made and the teachers that believe in me.- **Denise**



Ten years from now i imagine myself in a nice house all by myself and a few girls coming through with a Lambo or benz sitting outside my criv. basically im going to be living the GOOD LIFE. - **Henry**



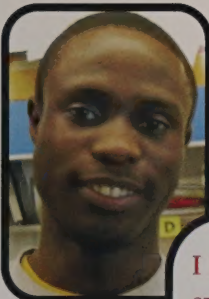
I want to give back to my family and be the first to go to college. - **Gleddy**



I have so much support from the school, these people would always push me to do better. they are all teaching me how to work hard.- **Tony Lee**



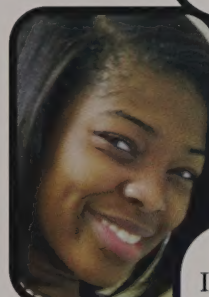
I have made great friends and mentors with the teachers, and I feel like i will be taking something very special with me!- **Breona Mullins-Hodges**



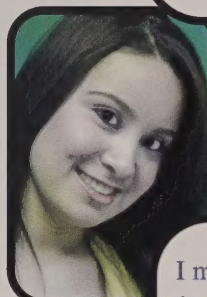
I have a lot of memorable experiences at CHS. The most memorable was when the soccer team qualified for the playoffs, and we were the second best team in the city. - **Brenton**



I imagine myself in Med-School doing internships with other open-heart surgeons and being a medical student or maybe in law school trying to become a judge.- **Claudia**



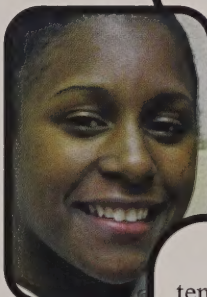
In ten years from now i will live in a mansion, have nice cars, get everything I want, have the best job ever and finally divorce Kamal- **Freda**



I motivate myself and my family motivate me to do well. I know that education is important and that no one could take that away from me- **Angelica de Lima**



I'm going to miss CHS so much, no matter how much we all fought each other and yelled i will always love my CHS family. The people here have changed my life forever - **Jasmine**



ten years from now, i imagine myself working for the CSI, married and with two kids. - **Angie**



I plan on going to the music industry after high school. - **Raymond**

Administration

Message from the Headmaster

TA school year has rhythms and seasons; there's the hopeful feeling of early September, together with a new outfit of clothing or two and shiny notebooks full of blank paper. Suddenly, almost without noticing, it's Thanksgiving and the slow descent into winter has begun; then it's Christmas vacation, the longest break of our year. There are the long slow months of January, February and March, when we step out of bed in the mornings into darkness and tiptoe over ice on all the sidewalks. That's the period when it seems that the school year will never end. But time keeps moving slowly forward, days get longer, and suddenly you wake up one day into dawn and not darkness. The last snow of the season comes and goes, days get warmer, the April vacation is here and then gone, testing season is upon us and students work feverishly on the final assignments that they need to pass the year; through all of this, the days get warmer. Suddenly, without really knowing how we have gotten here, we are gathering together at graduation to celebrate the achievements of our seniors.

I love walking up and down the corridor when seniors line up in red and white gowns to walk the stage. Each student has a special story about how they got to here; some arrived in September of the 9th grade and have sailed smoothly towards graduation all four years, others came recently and have barely gotten to know us before saying goodbye; for others, this day has been reached only by dint of struggle and great sacrifice.

Graduation – the joy of seeing each unique child walk across the stage and receive a diploma in the community of teachers and families gathering to celebrate their success – encompasses everything that makes what we do from September to June worthwhile. Thanks for everything that each of you has done to contribute to the beauty of a Charlestown graduation on a lovely afternoon in June.



Sincerely,
Dr. Magaret Ranny Bledsoe
Headmaster



William Thomas
Assistant Headmaster



Val Shelley
Dean of Discipline



Freda Johnson
Assistant Headmaster



Liana Tuller
SLC 1 Leader



Amy Koehler
SLC 2 Leader



Jess Madden-Fucco
SLC 2 Leader



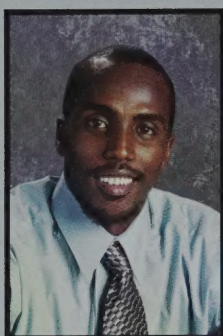
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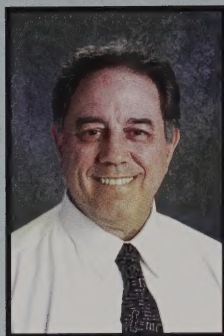
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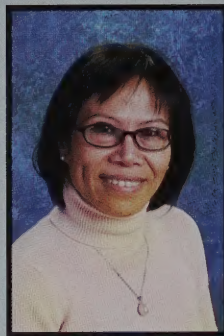
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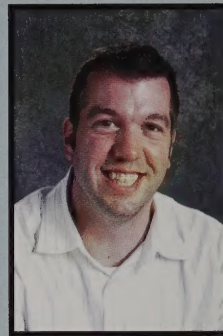
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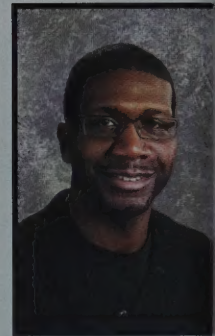
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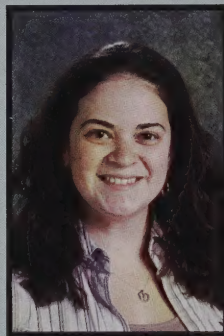
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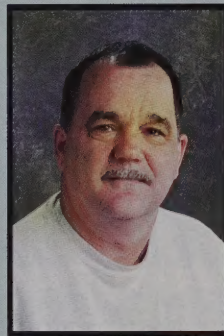
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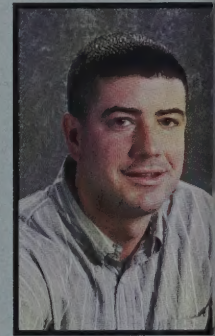
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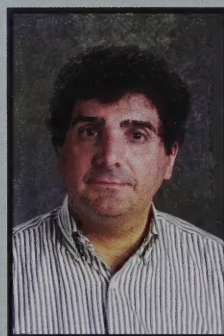
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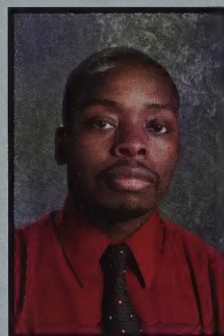
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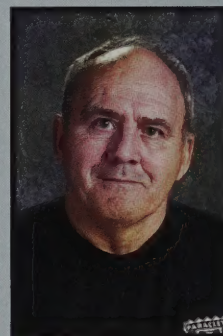
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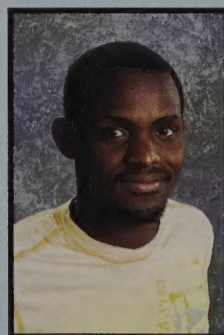
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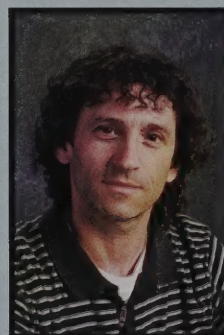
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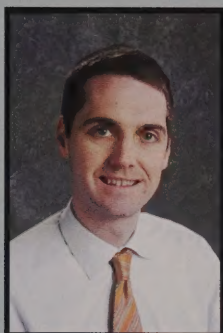
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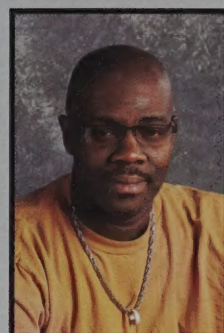
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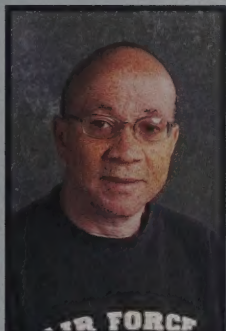
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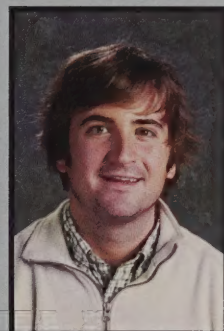
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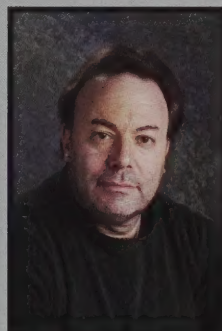
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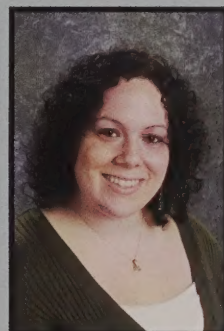
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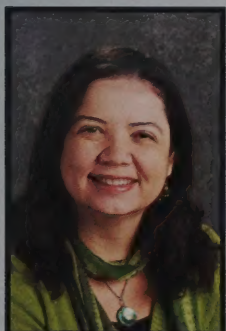
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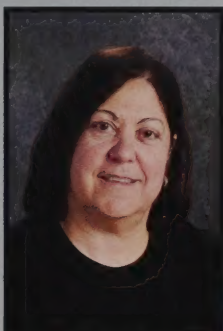
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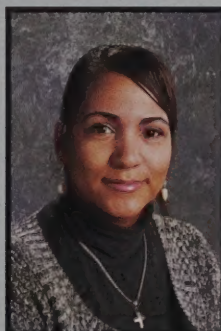
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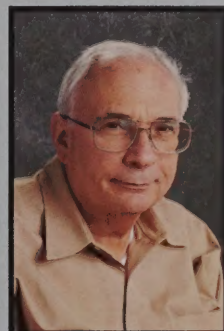
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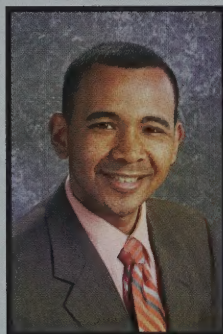
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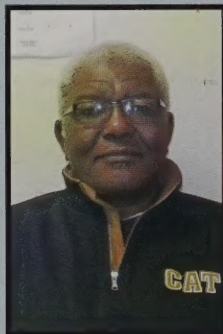
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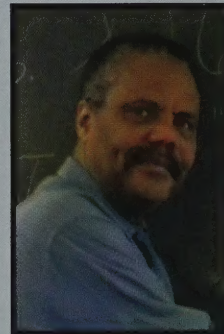
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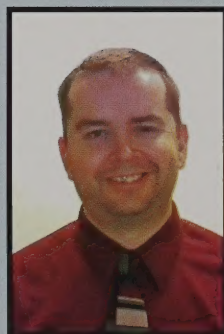
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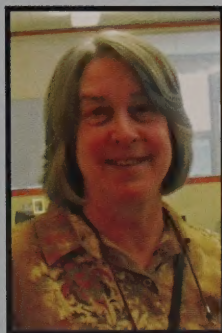
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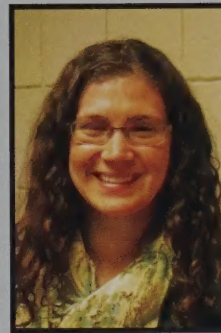
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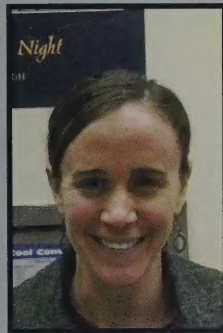
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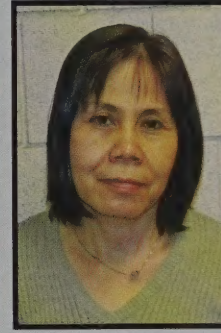
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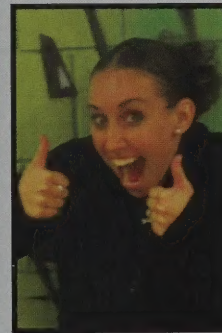
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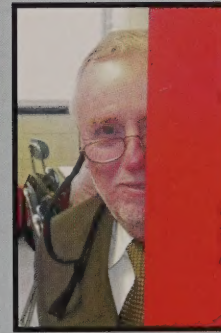
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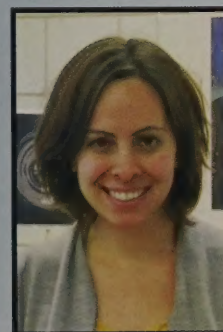
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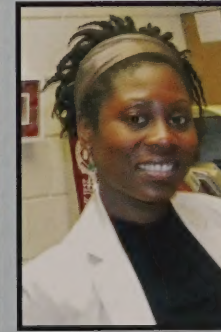
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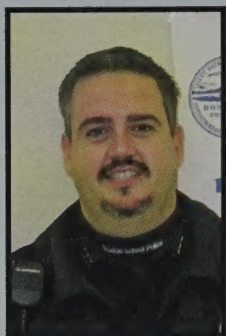
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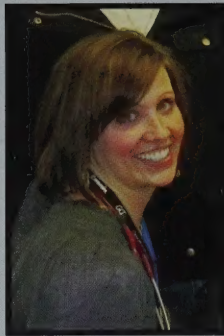
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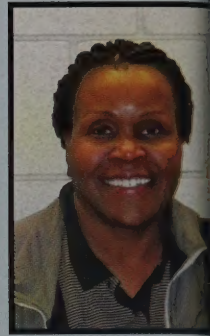
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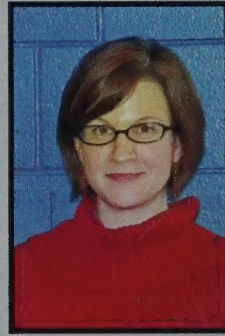
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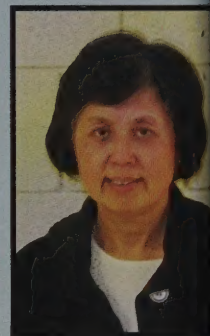
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SCHOOL POLICE



Our School Police, Sgt. Badget, Geo and Eldon keep our school safe and quiet. These men are here to "Serve & Protect" Charlestown High School.

"BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS , WHAT YOU GOING DO, WHAT YOU GOING TO DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU"

CAFETERIA WORKERS

The delicious breakfast and lunch is prepared and served by our wonderful lunch ladies: Peggy Lynch, Cissy Greateorex, Diane Hayes, Linda Buhay, Debbie Brennan, Julia Ubric and Amantina Moya.



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



The Administration team works very hard on strategic planning for the school. GO ILT!

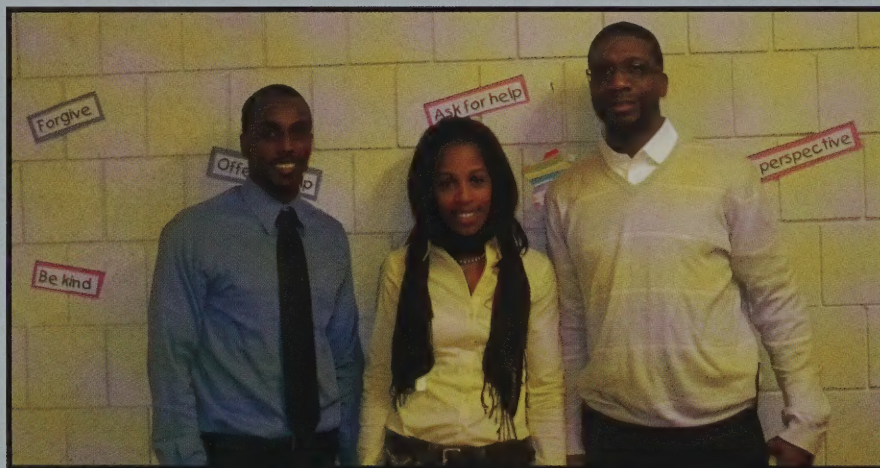
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LIBRARIANS

Whether it's books, magazines or laminated posters our librarians Dr. Jones has it all covered.



ASSISTANT UNIT LEADERS



Said Ahmeid, Lita Cannady and Jamaal Camah form our Assistant Unit Leaders, who deal with disciplinary issues in our school.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

College Essays, Common Application, SAT's, ACT's & College Recommendations can all be done with our energetic and dedicated Guidance Counselors, Josette Teneus, Kristyn Hughes, Ada Lei & Sara Di Bonaventura (Not Pictured)



SECRETARIES



Kelly, Patty & Ethel keeps the school informed about all important messages.

CUSTODIANS

Custodians, Joe, Mark & Sean keeps school spotless!



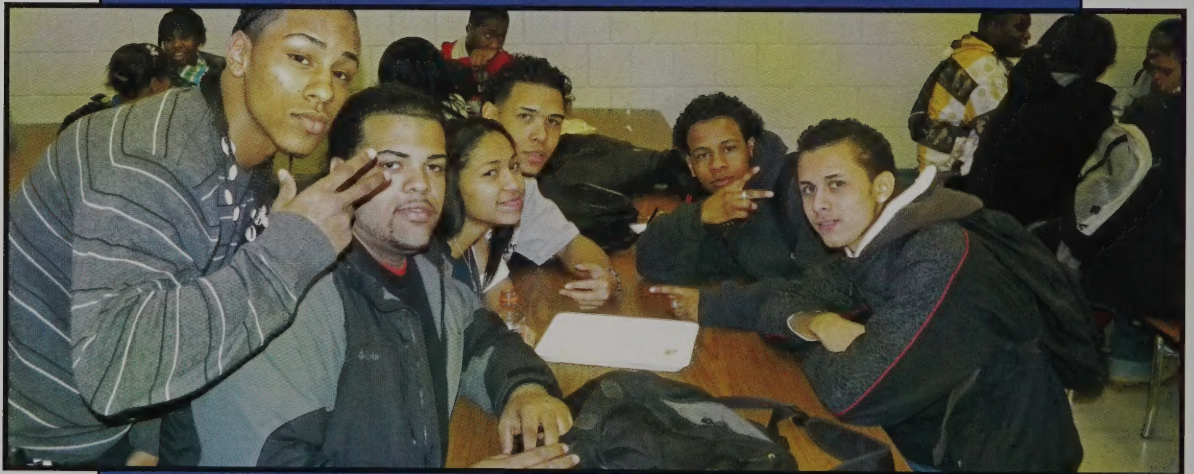
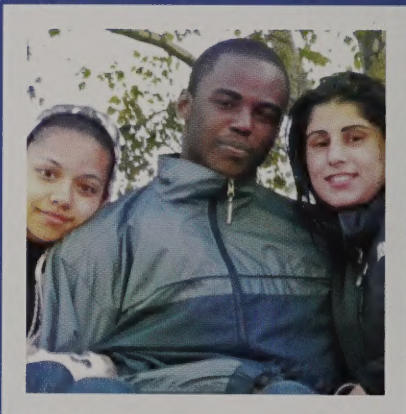
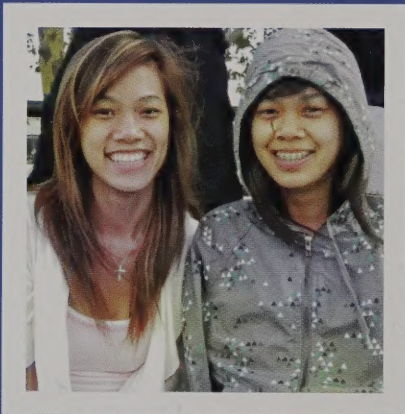
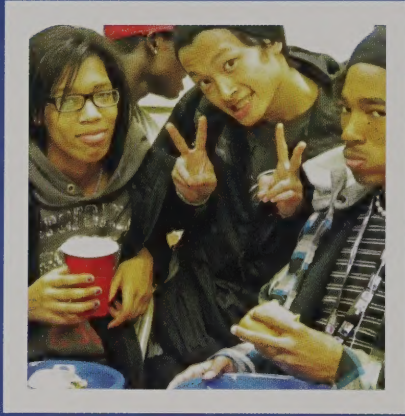
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These young men lend a hand to the units for additional support for our students .

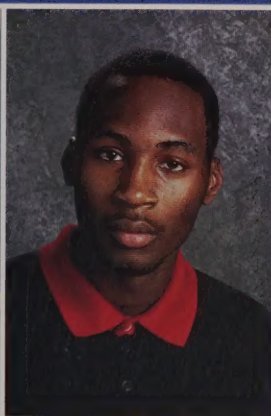
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Class of 2010





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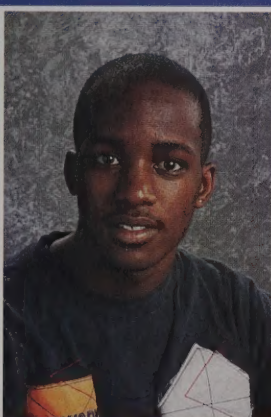
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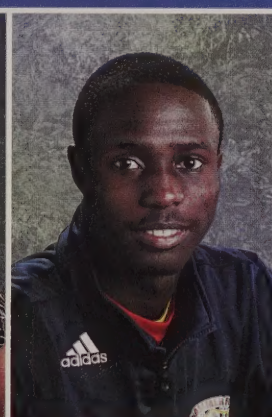
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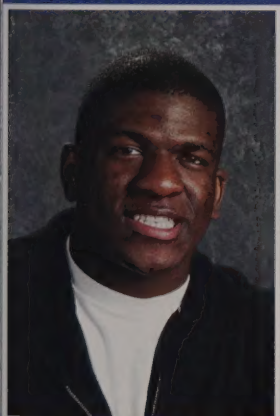
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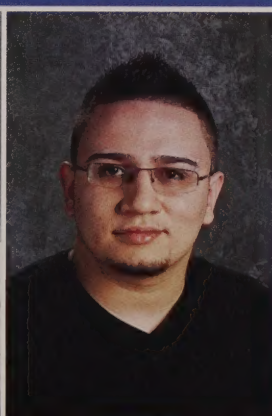
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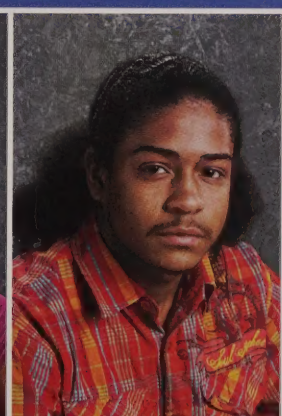
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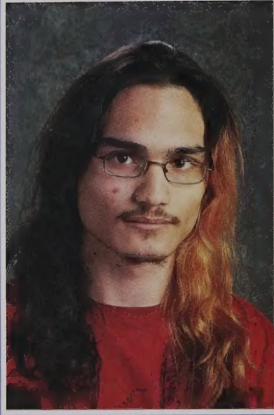


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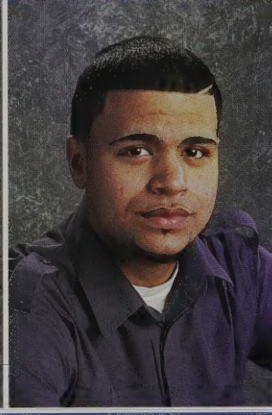
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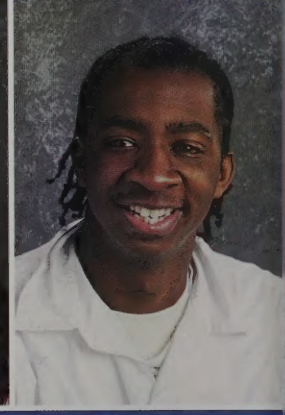
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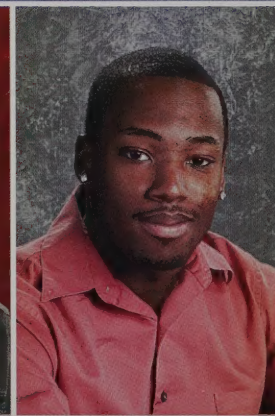
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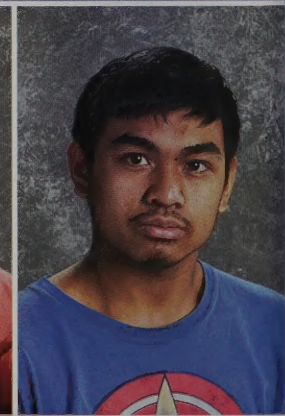
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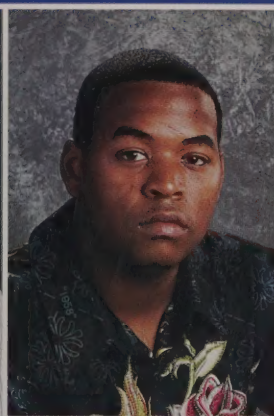


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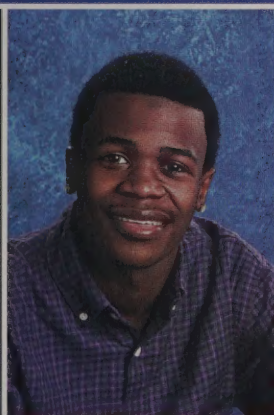
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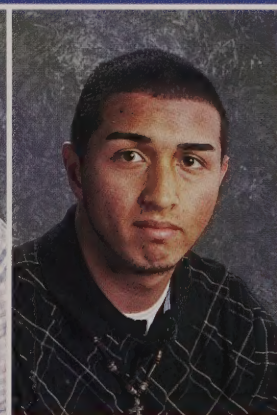
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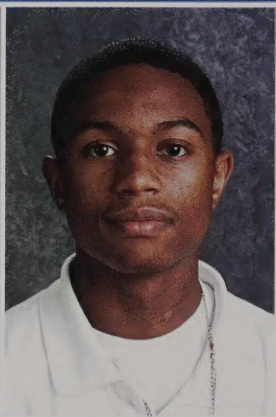


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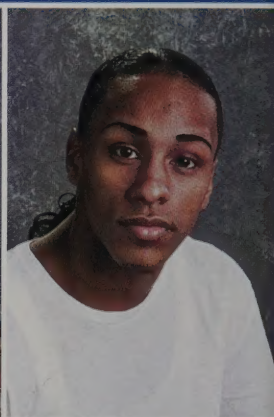
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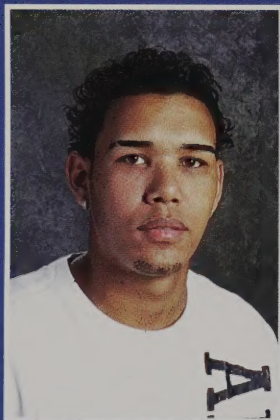
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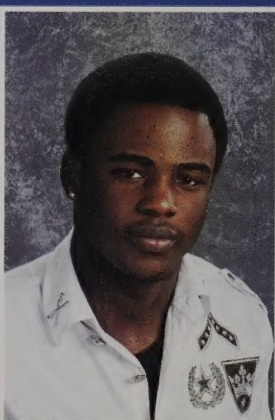
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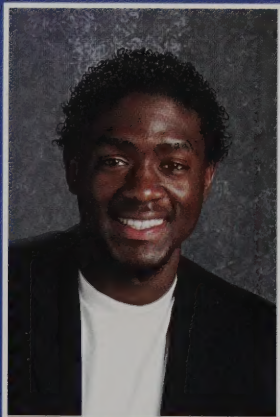
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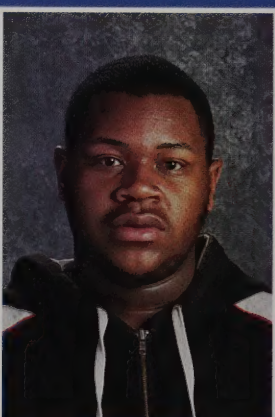
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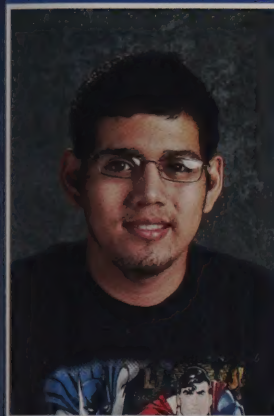


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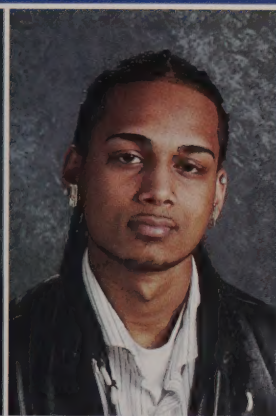


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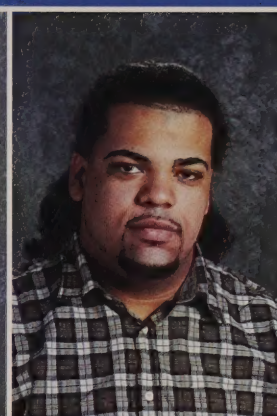
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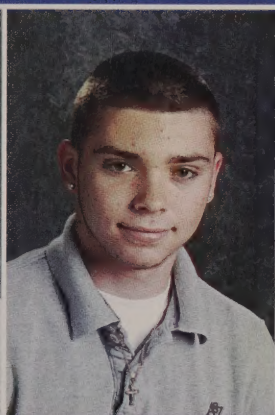
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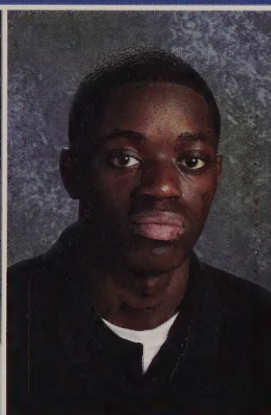
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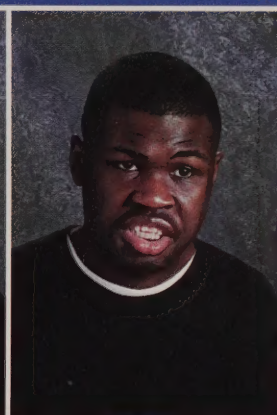
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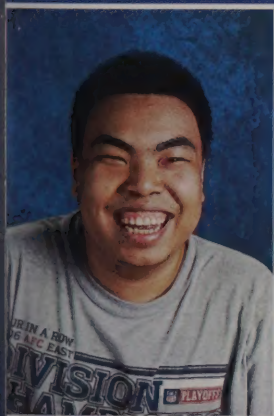
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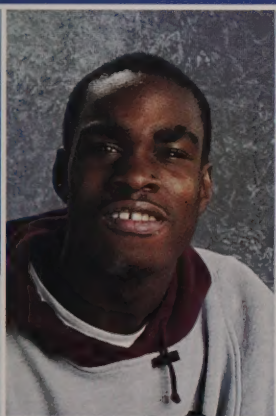
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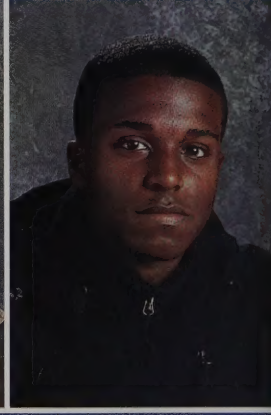
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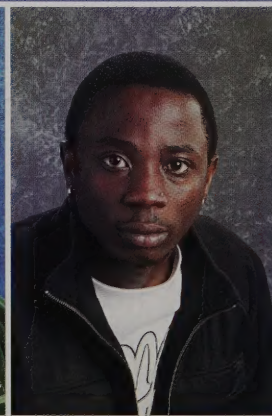
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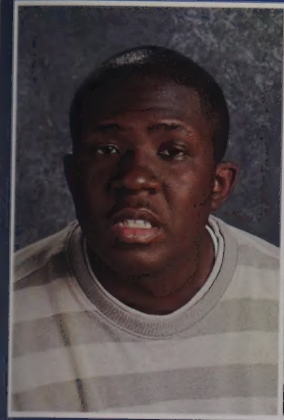


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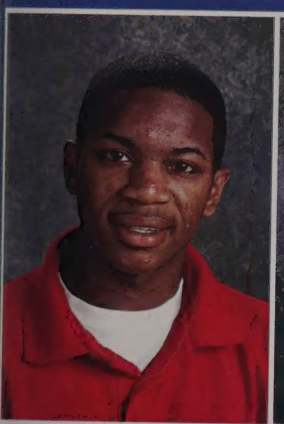
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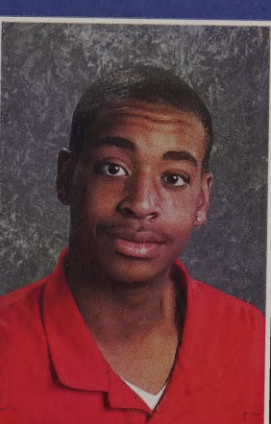
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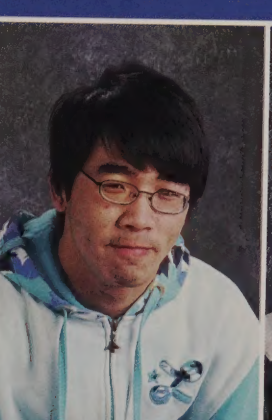
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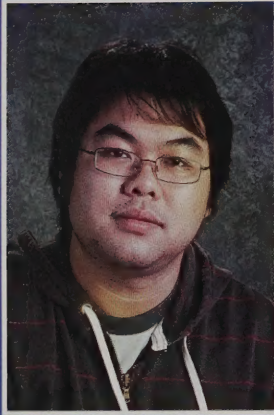


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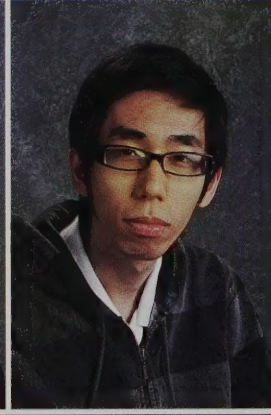
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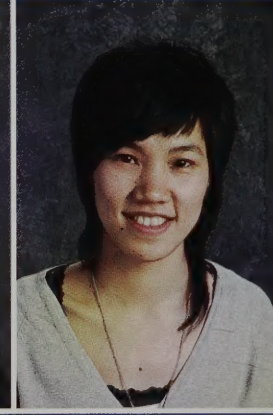
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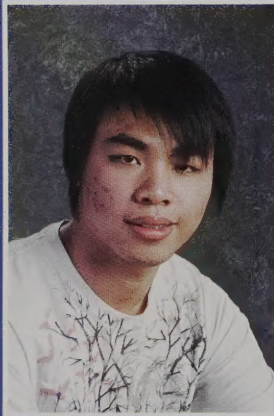
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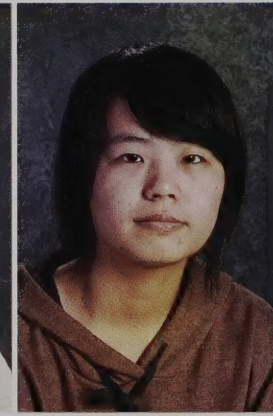
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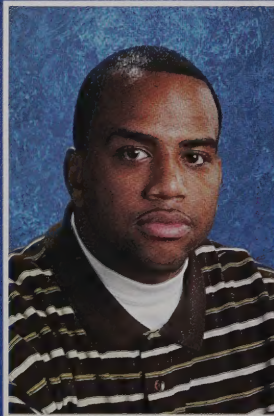
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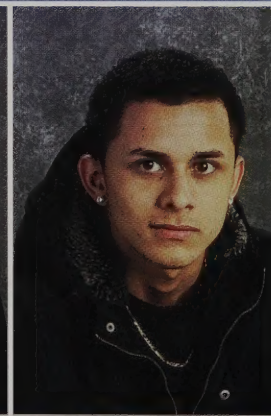
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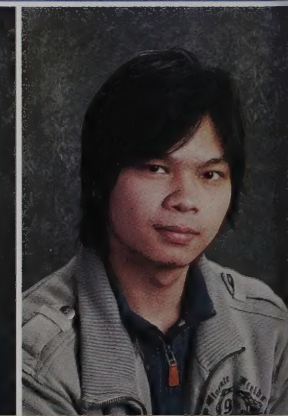
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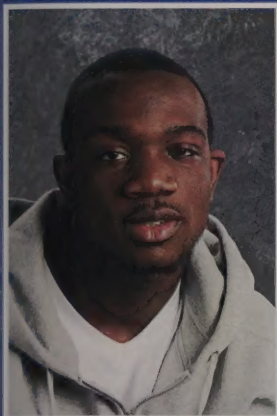


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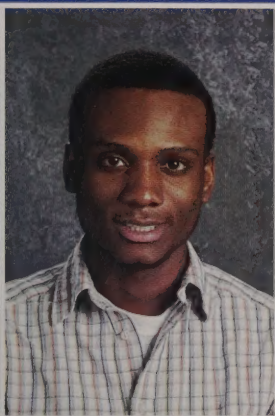


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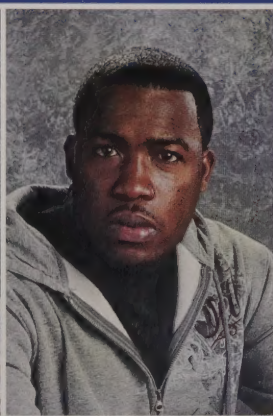
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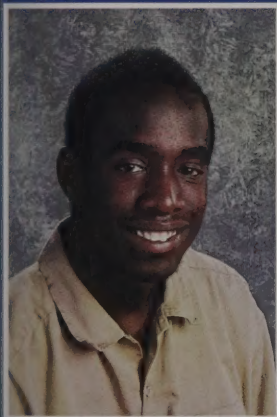
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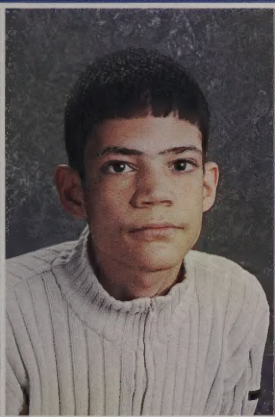
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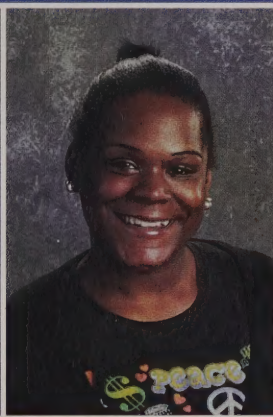
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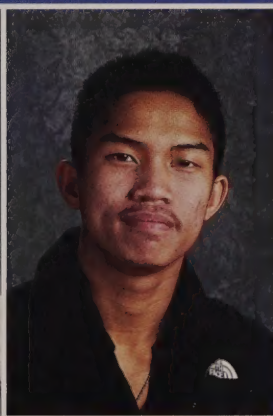
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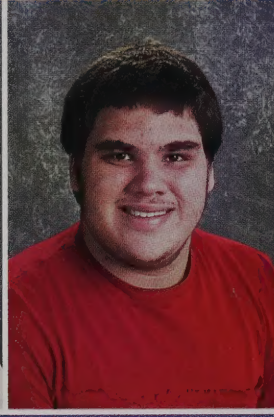
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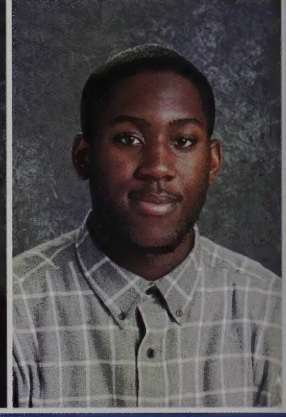
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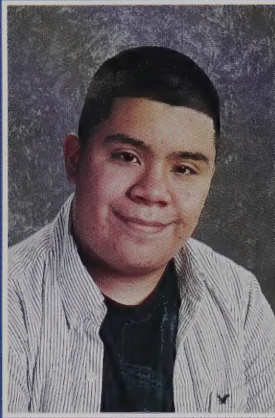
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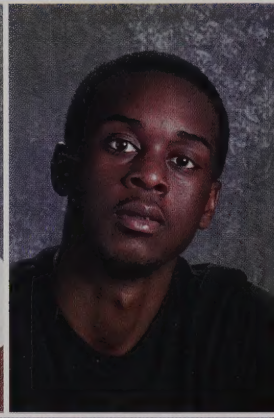
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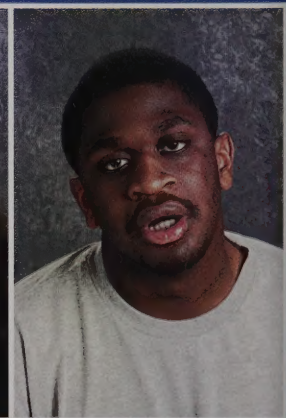
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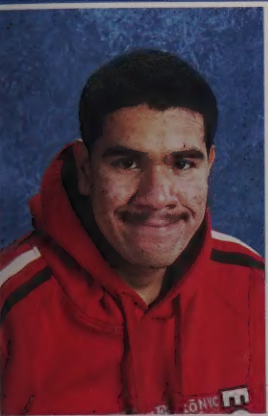


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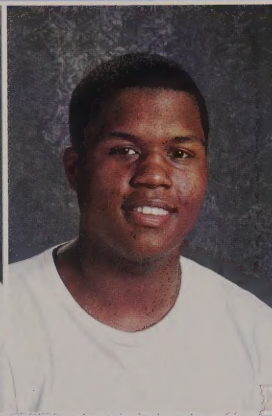
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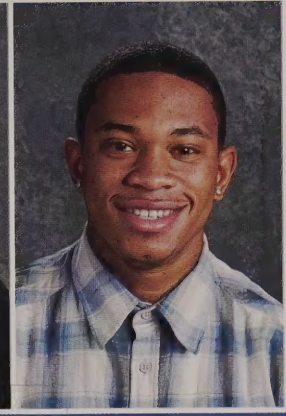
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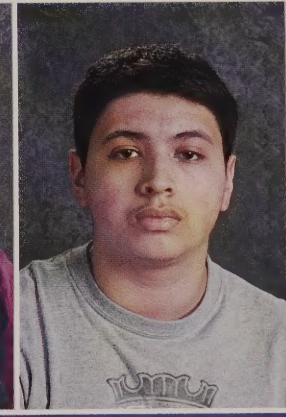
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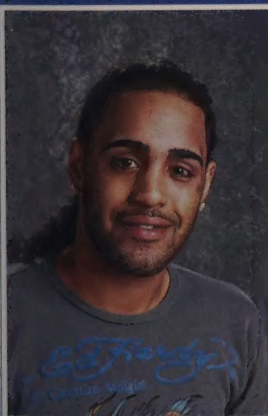
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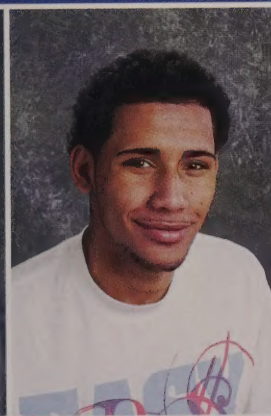
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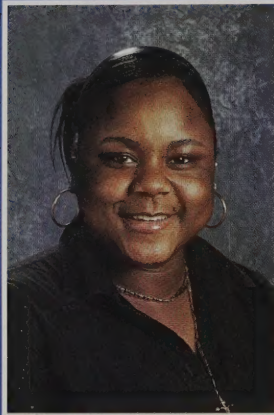


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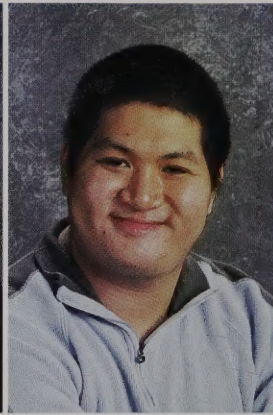
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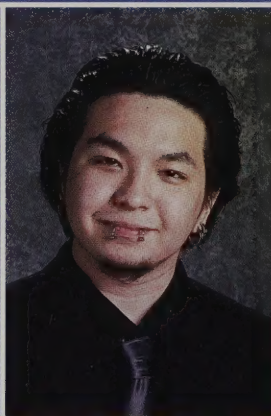
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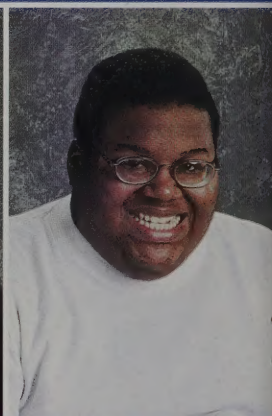
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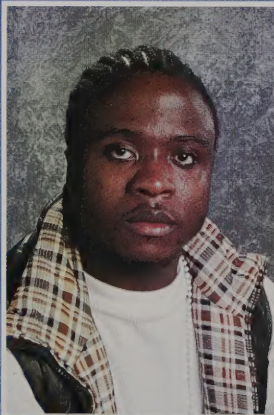
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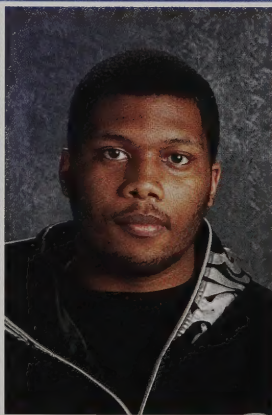
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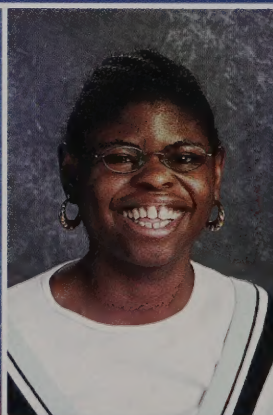
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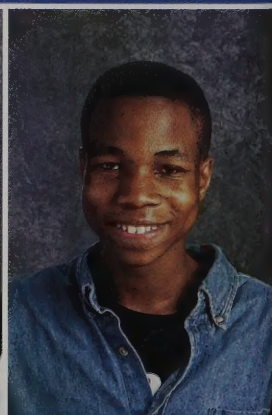
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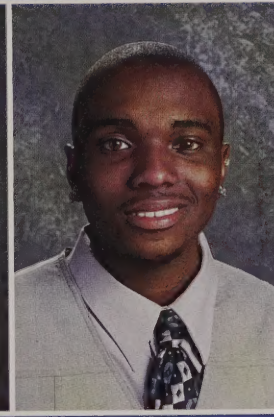
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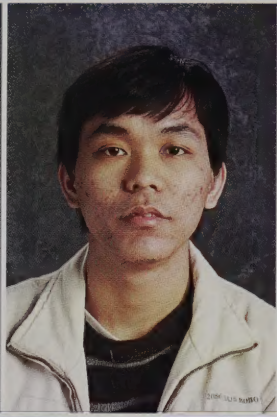
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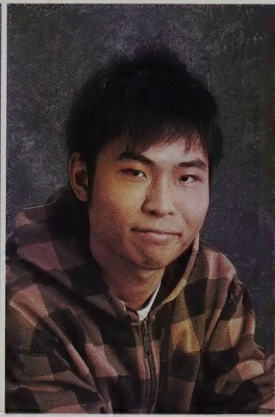
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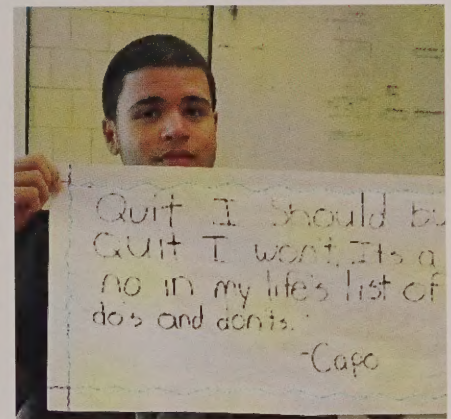
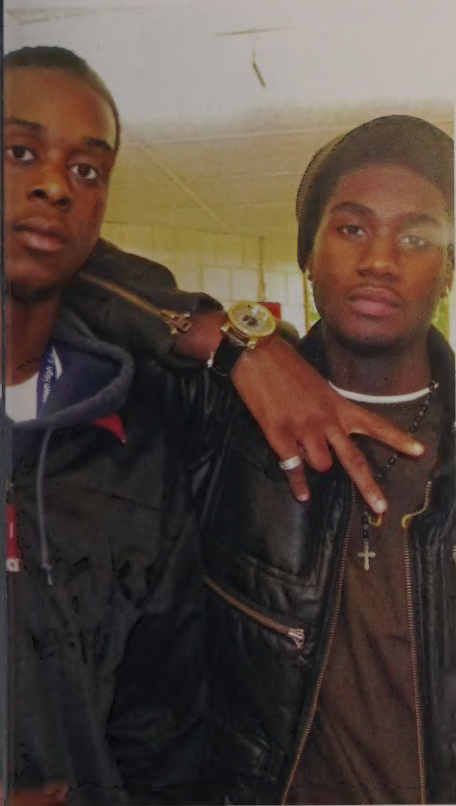
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Steven Jones
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Shisha King
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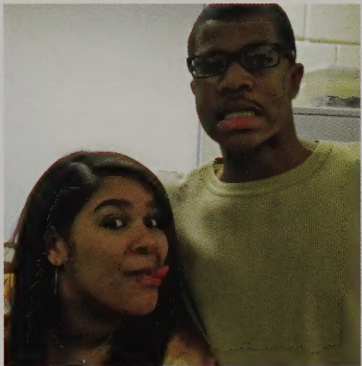
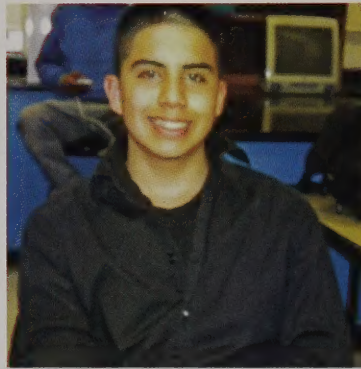
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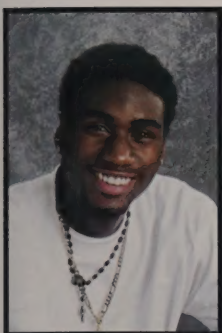


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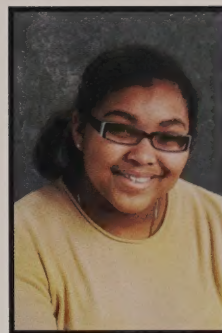
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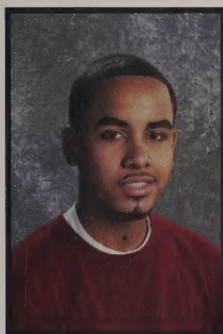
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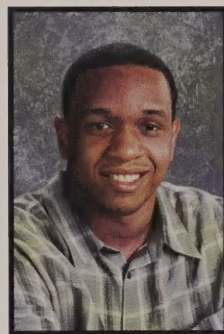
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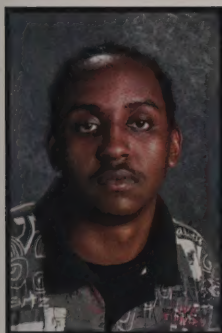
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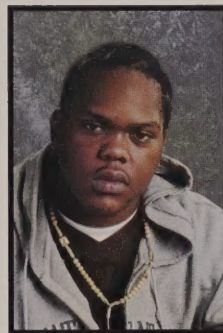
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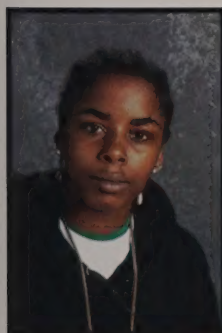
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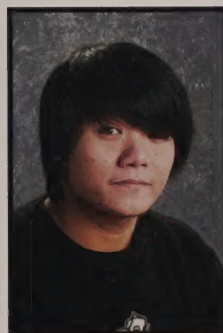
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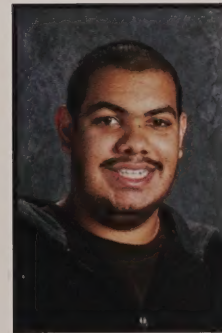
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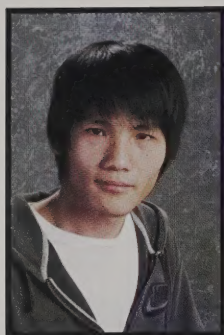


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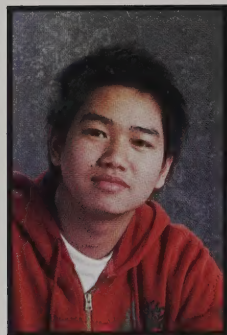


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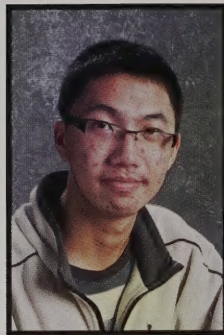
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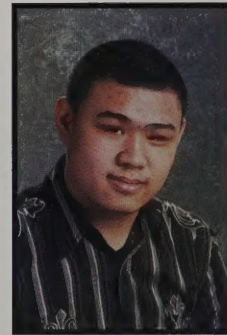
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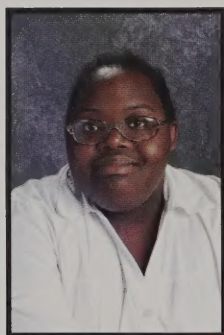
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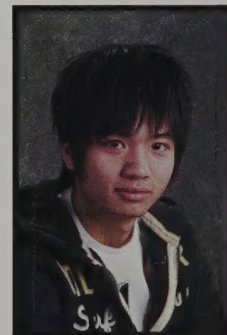
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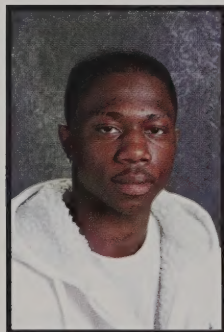
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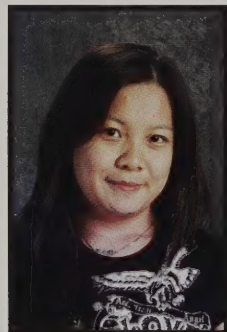
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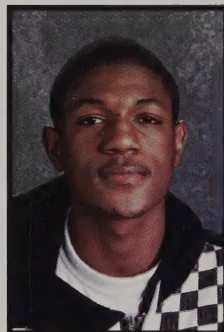
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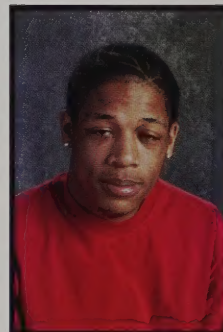
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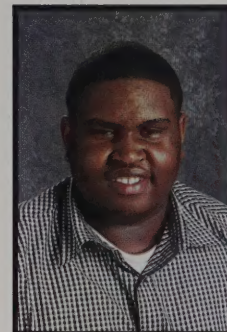
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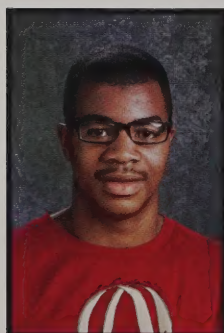
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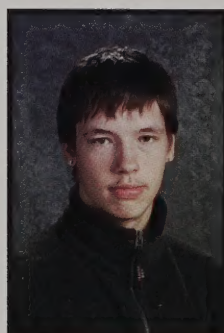
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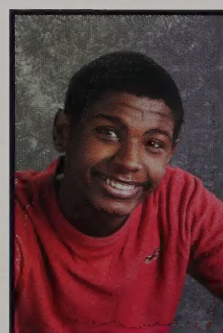
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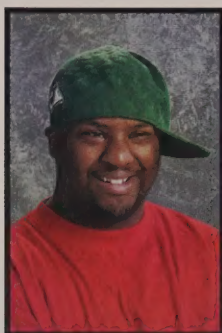
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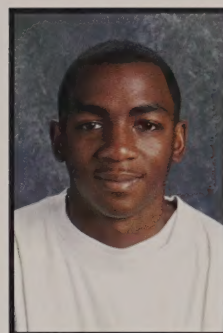
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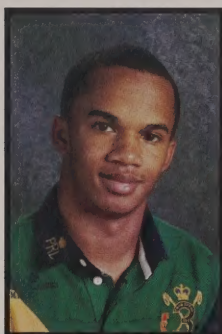
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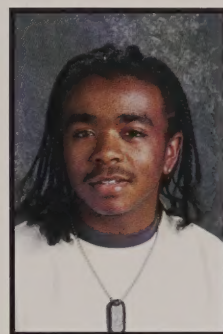
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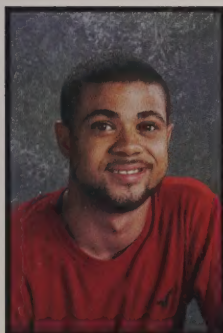
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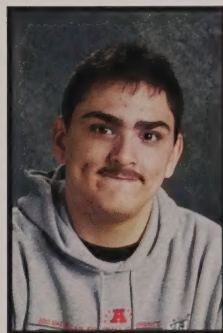
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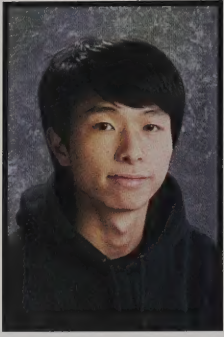


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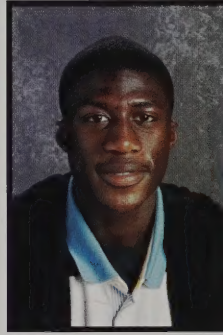
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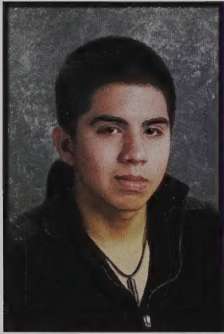
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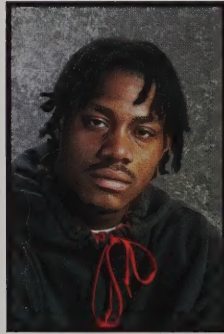
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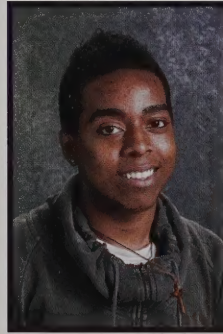
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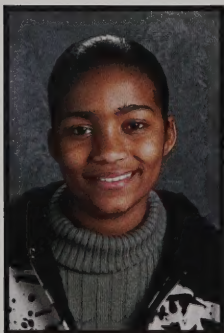
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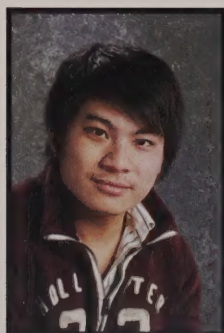
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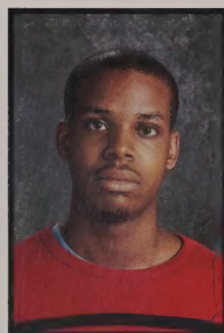
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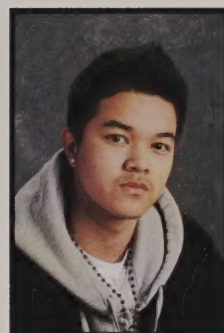
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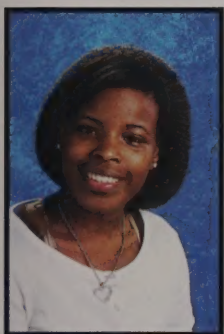
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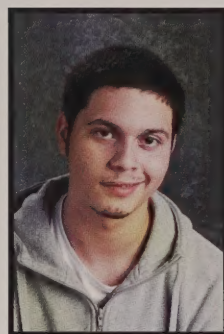
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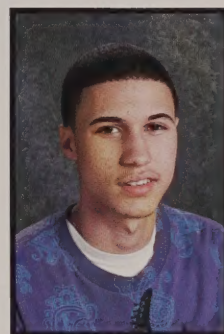
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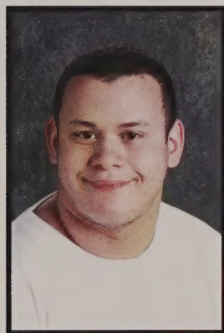
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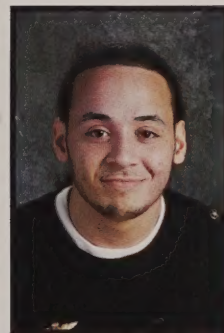
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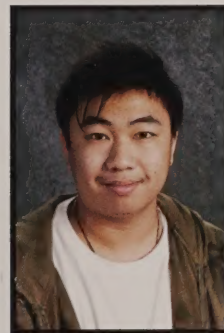
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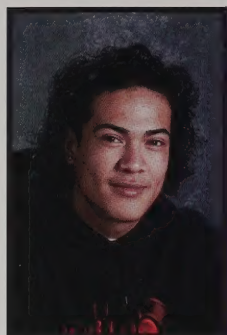


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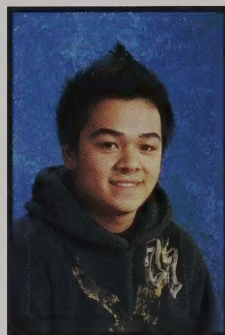
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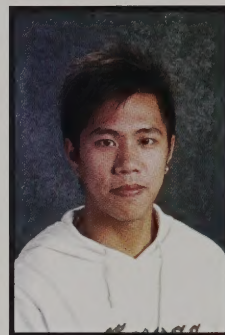
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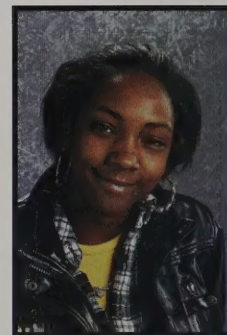
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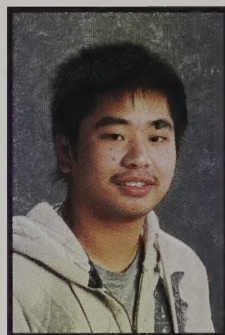
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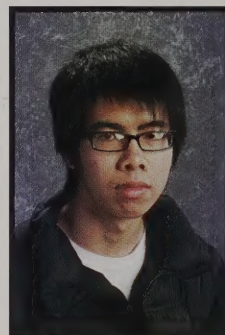
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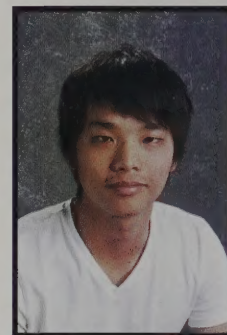
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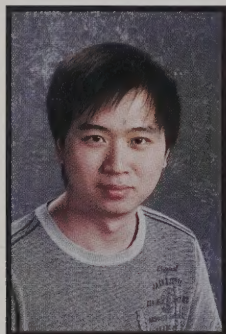
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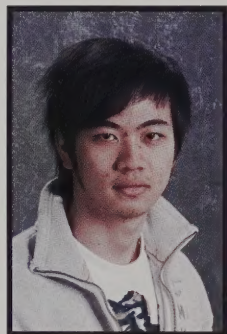
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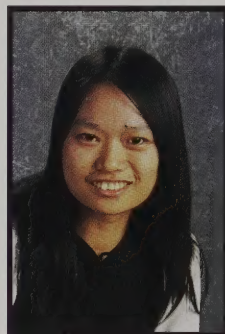
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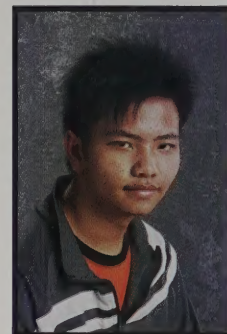
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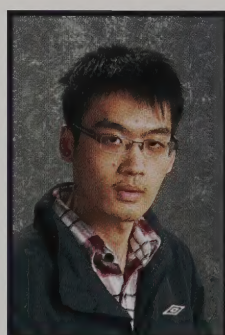
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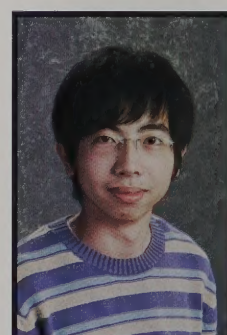
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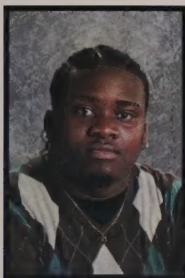


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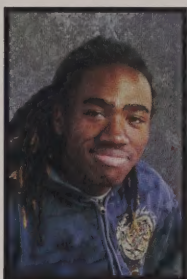
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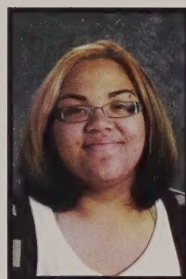
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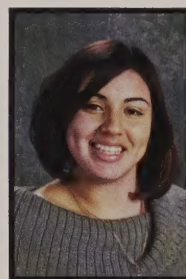
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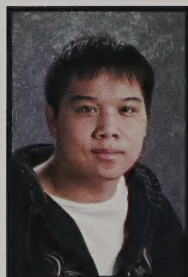


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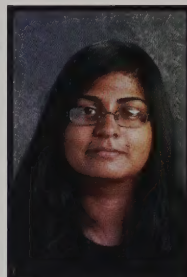
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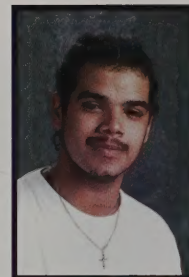
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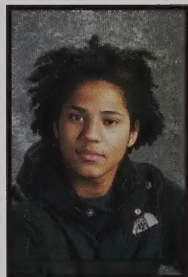
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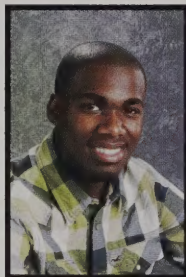
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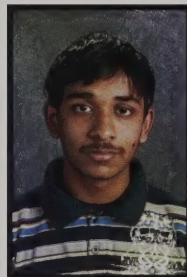
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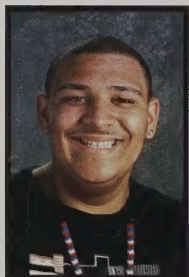
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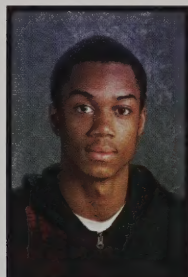
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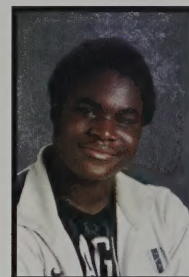
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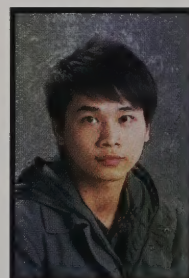
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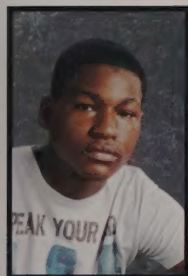


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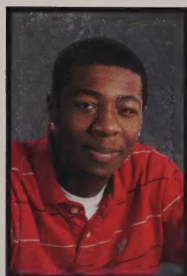
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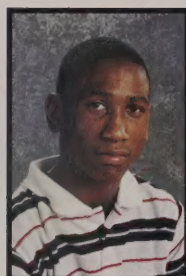
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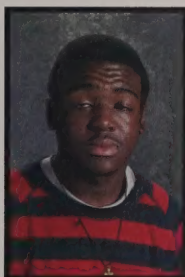
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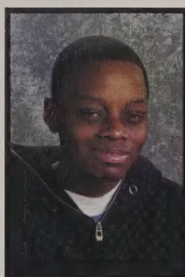
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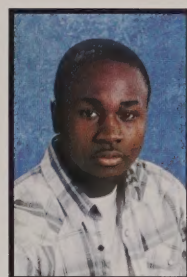
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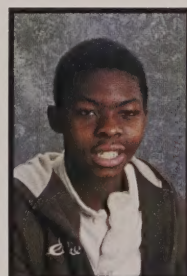
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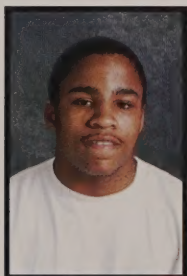
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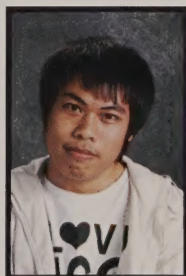
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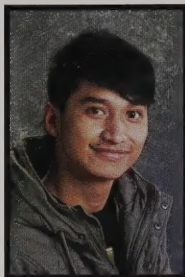
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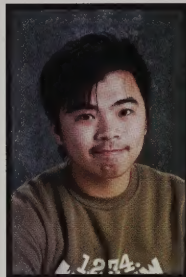
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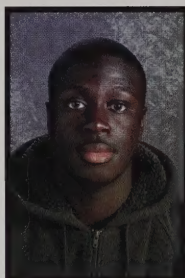
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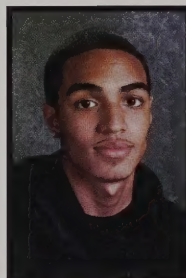
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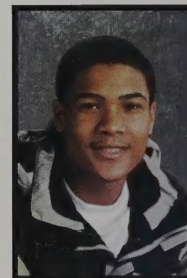
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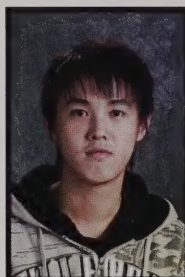
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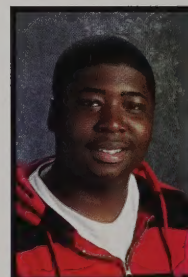
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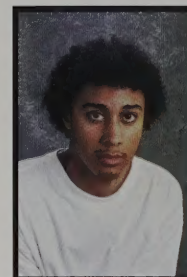
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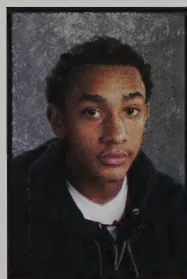
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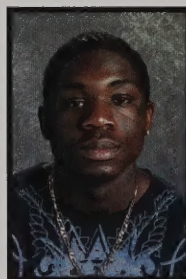
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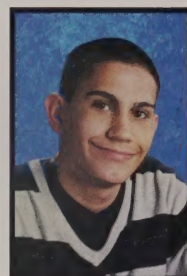
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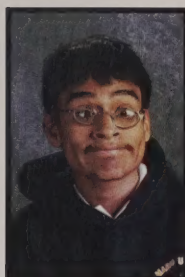
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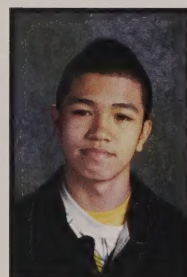
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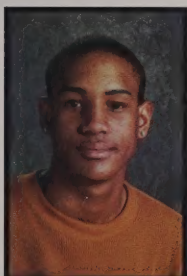
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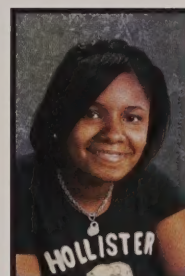
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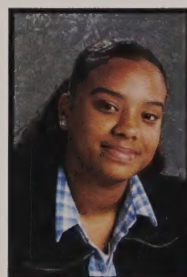
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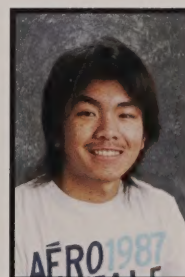
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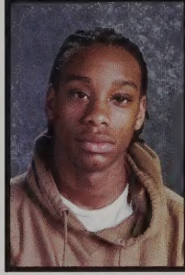
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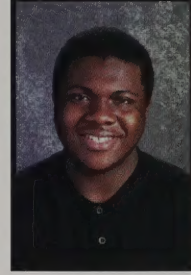
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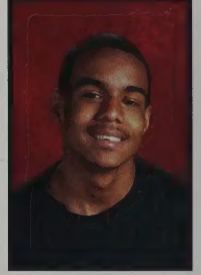
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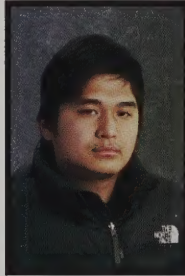
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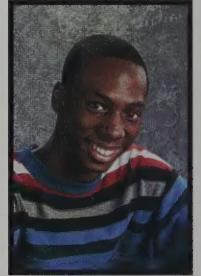
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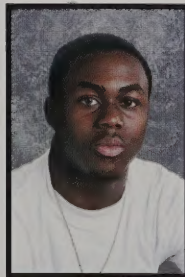
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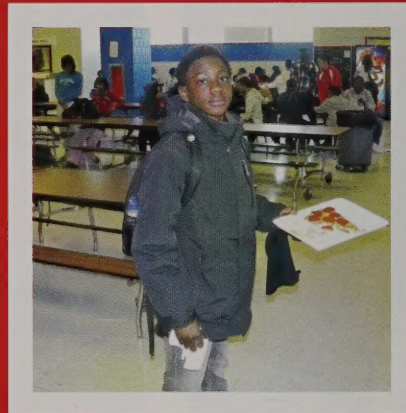
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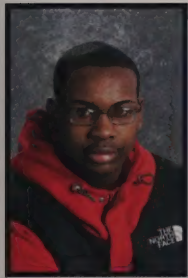


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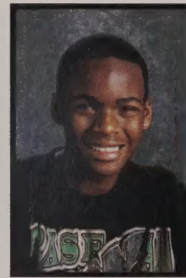
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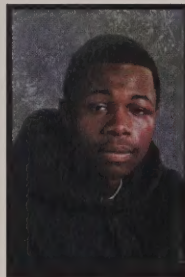
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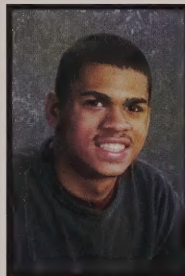
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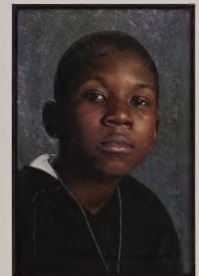
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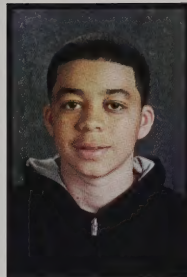
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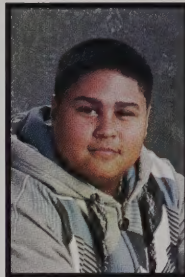
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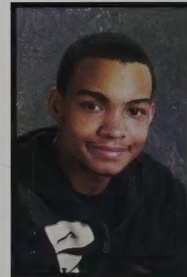
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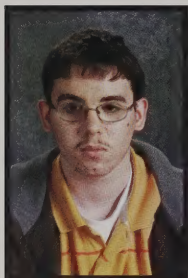
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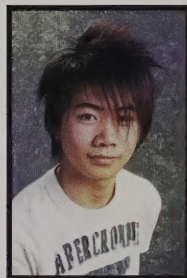
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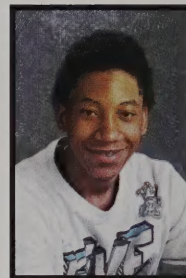
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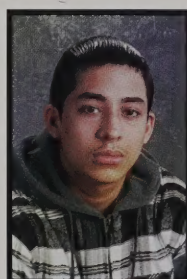
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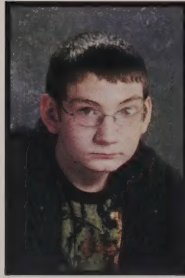
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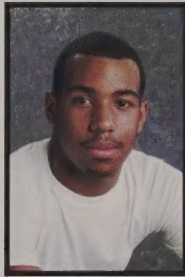
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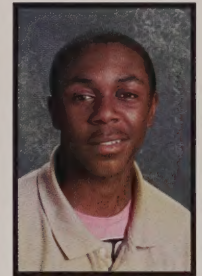
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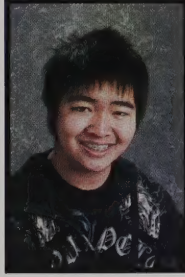
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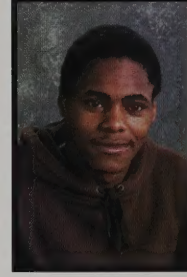
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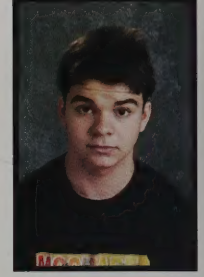
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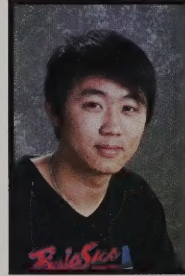
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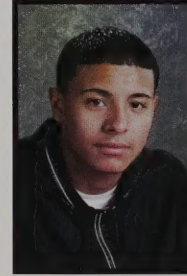
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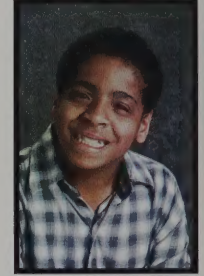
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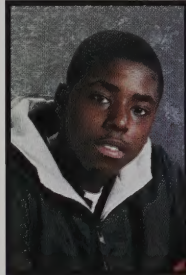
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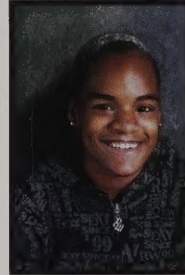
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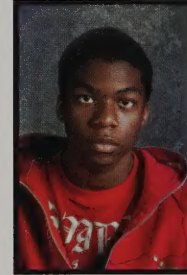
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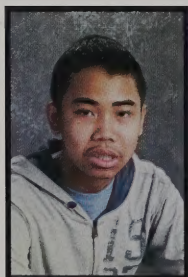
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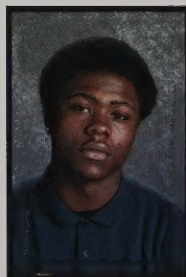
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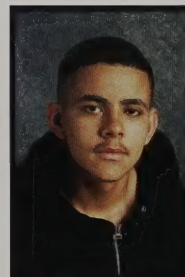
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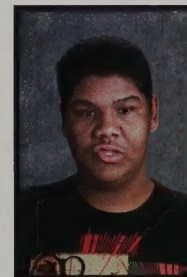
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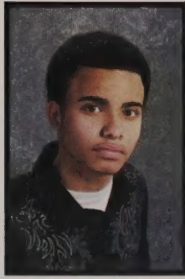
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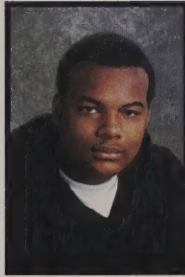
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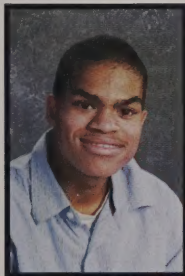
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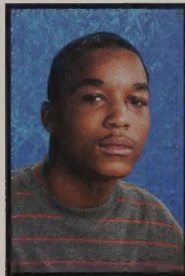
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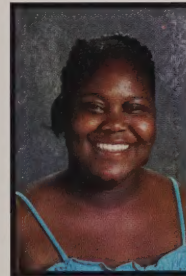
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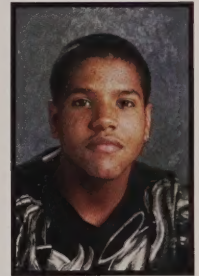
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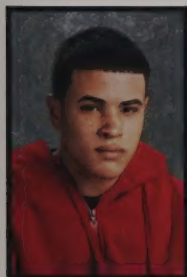
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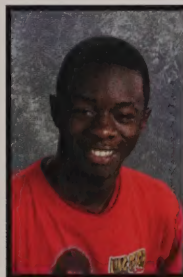
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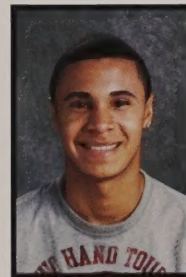
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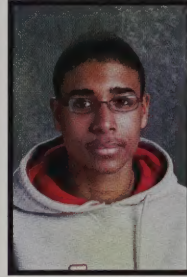
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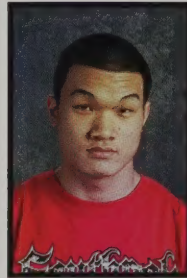
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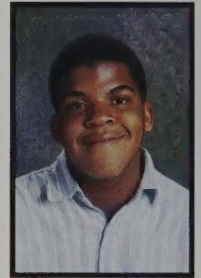
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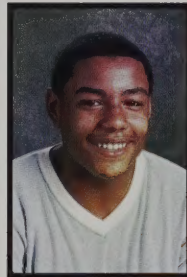
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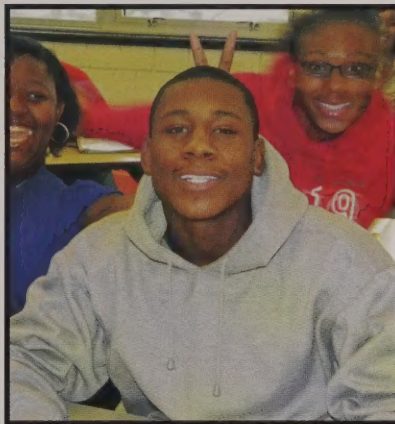
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Deanna
Zollarcoffer



Camera Shy

Ashley Amado
Luis Aponte
Donavan Avant
Rochelle Bautista Cruz
Kadeem Bell
Samantha Bergeron
Kevin Booth
Ida Braxton
Noel Carrasquillo
Priscilla Chiu
Michelo Cineas
Kelly Jean Collier
Gavin Compass
Ginamarie Cunningham
Danien Darosa
Jonathan Darosa
Jessica Escobar
Nicole Fay
Stephanie Ford
Zengxi Gao
Ramon Gibbons

Neuza Gomes
Xaiver Gonzales
Lesley Garcia
Gataha Harris
Elexson Hercules
Davonte Jordan
Keywan Kelly
Kori Kelly
Unique Kendrickshigg
Kerrin King
Luis Lara
Day Le
Thomas Lebron
Brittany Leslie
Timmance McKinney
Deville Mclean
Warren Mcpherson
Victoria Medina
Trung Nguyen
Edith Pena
Keyla Pena

Kevin Pimental
Terrence Pinson
Omar Restrepo
Mariclaire Reyes
Alberto Rodriguez
Chanunt Sayabovom
Cory Slack
Deron Smith
Shona Taylor
Samantha Thompson
Brianna Thompson
Shayla Tilery
Jalik Toombs
Eduardo Toral
Phuong Tran
David Troung
Cora Ward
Darius Watford
Syrron Williams

Clubs

ASIAN, SPOKEN WORD,
TEACHER BOOK, ART, ROTC,
YEARBOOK, ROBOTICS, DEBATE,
EURO CLUB, JOB READINESS,
BOWLING, STUDENT
GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY



Spoken Word

Denise Garcia and Daury Guererro share a hug while they prepare for a session of Spoken Word.



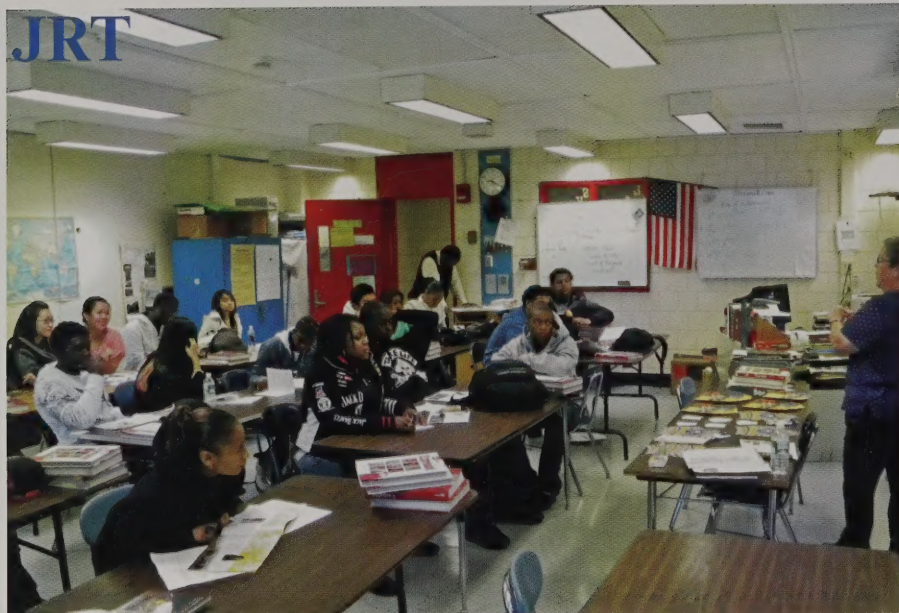
Spoken Word

CHS Spoken Word Club is a new club this year at Charlestown. The beauty of the Spoken Word Club is that all writers come together for the purpose of being able to express themselves and form an atmosphere where our creativity, desires and struggles are appreciated.



Raymond Berry shares some versus with the Spoken WordClub..





Job Readiness

Ms. McKeon, Advisor
PIC Career Specialist

JRT workshops cover resume writing, job search strategies/online job applications, dressing for success and workplace etiquette. Job postings/Internships/Volunteer or Community Service Projects are posted in the Career Center on the Jobs/Community Service Board.



Robotics

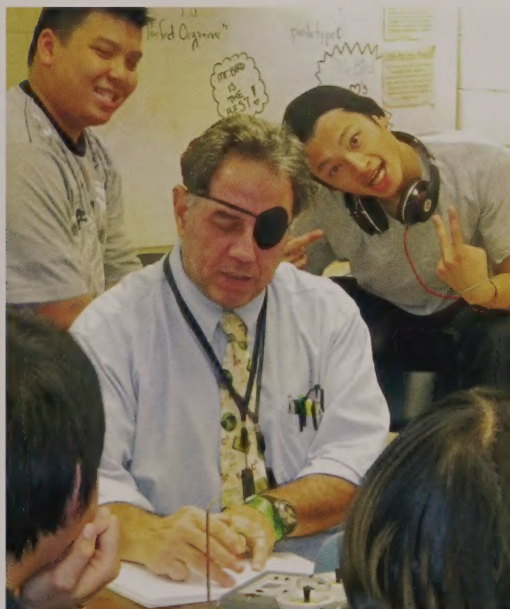
Al Byrd, Advisor
Tony Lee, Advisor

The Robotics team build robots and compete in the "Tech Challenge" event in late February. The robotics team also has in-school competitions in March where students present their work to classmates and teachers.



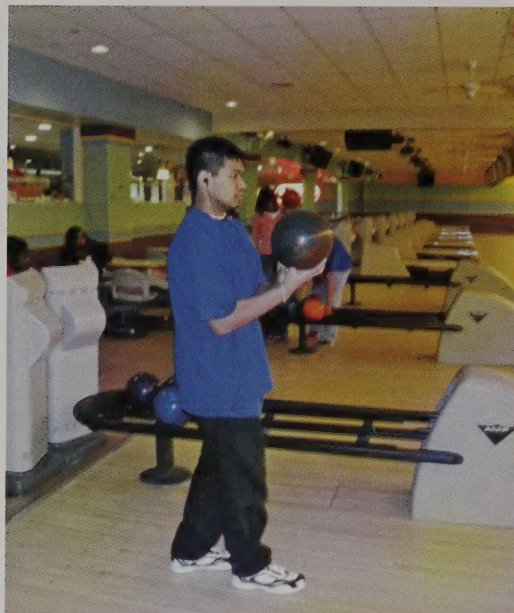
Robotics

Tony Lee & Michael Wong showoff their amazing robot creation. Tony Lee is also captain of the Robotics team.



Mr. Byrd explains the different components involved in building a robot.

Bowling



Bowling

Mr. Larry, Advisor
Dr. Ng, Advisor
Mr. Fox, Advisor

Energetic group of students that participate in tenpin bowling at Boston Bowl! The bowling club has attracted many students and staff and has provided a learning and fun environment for all its participants.



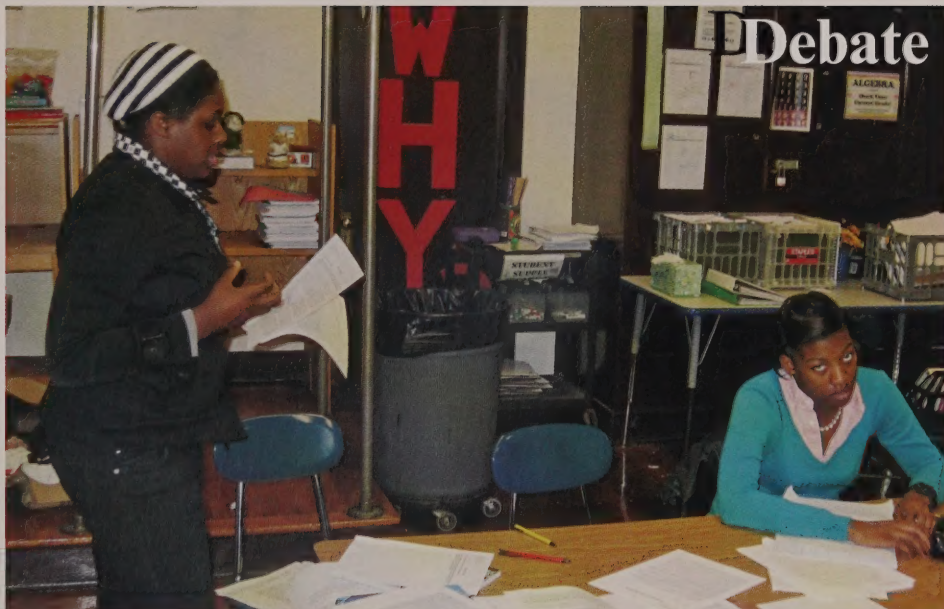


Debate

Ms. Teneus, Advisor
Mrs. Dibinga, Advisor

A competitive debate team for students who enjoy public speaking and arguing. Debate teaches students to become better public speakers, debate policies and compete against schools in Boston area.

Skills learned through debating are lifelong skills utilized in everyday life.



Government



Government

Ms. Tuller, Advisor
Ms. Koehler, Advisor
Ms. Gross, Advisor

Elected body of students who give input on school policies, plan, social and community events, and represent the student body of CHS. Some officers also serve on school-wide and city-wide bodies such as the School Site Council and Boston Student Advisory Council.



Crochet



Crochet

Ms. Snow, Advisor

Crochet is a process of creating fabric from yarn or thread using a Crochet hook. Crochet is very comforting to the Mind, Body and Soul. Students enjoy relaxing while designing colorful and unique Crochets.

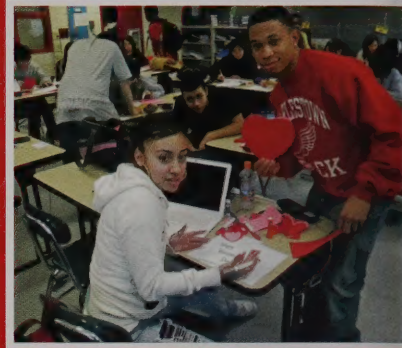


Mrs. Snow gives a lesson on proper Crochet techniques.



National Honor Society

Sandra Negron & Ms. Kang share a hug before preparing for their Valentines Day Festivities.



NHS

Ms. Kang, Advisor

The National Honor Society is the nations premier organization established to to recognized outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.



NHS students work on their fundraising project.





JROTC

Major Chaisson, Advisor
Chief Lopes, Advisor

The ROTC drill competes in the NE Drill League which has teams from Air Force, Navy, and Marine JROTCs.



Bunker Hill Day Parade was held June 17, 2009 where the Drill Team made a great showing.



The ROTC color guard presented the flags before Friday night's Celtics game at the Garden. This event helps wind down a very busy drill season for the cadets which encompassed six competitions and culminates in the February Drill Meet at Quabbin Regional High School. Upcoming events include the Military Ball in February followed by the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March.

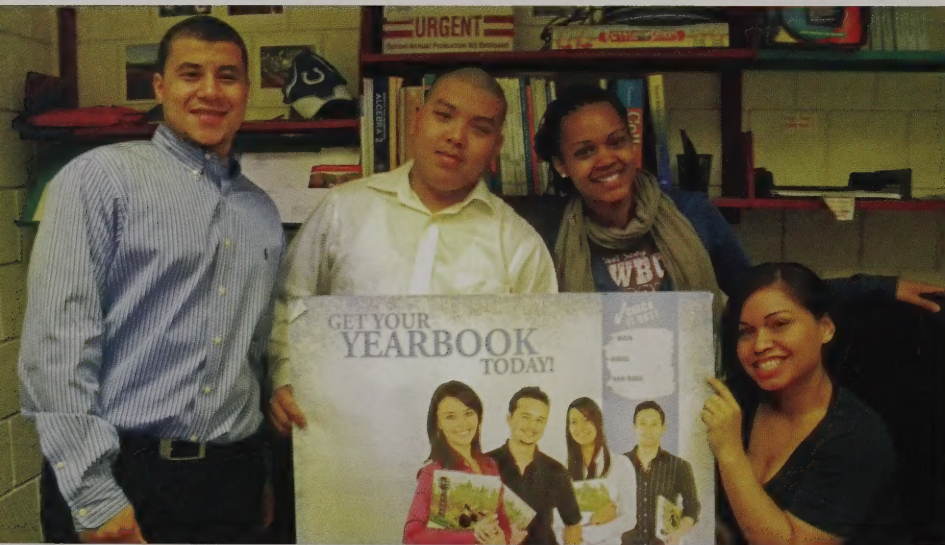


Yearbook

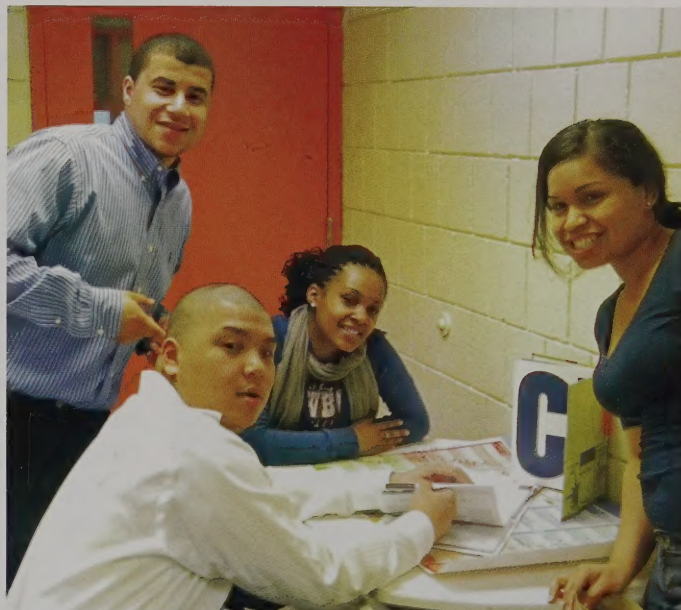
Mr. Cardoso, Advisor
Tony Lee
Jasmine Balls
Denise Garcia
Kamal Riley

Students create a yearbook that represents the 2009-2010 year at Charlestown High School.

Students work in teams with faculty and staff to gather information, pictures, sports stats, school events and student activities throughout the school year.



Mr Cardoso,
Jasmine Balls,
Densie Garcia
& Tony Lee
strategies for
the yearbook.



The annual cooking contest.



Asian

Sau Chan, Advisor

Charlestown Asian Club is organized by the ELL students and now comprise of 150 members.

The principles of the club are:

To develop and strengthen friendship and understanding among Asian students at CHS.

To promote friendship and understanding between Asian students and other students.

Provide opportunities for Asian students to develop leadership.

In the past years, the club has organized many activities in school such as Chinese Cultural Show, Sport Days, Singing Contest, Chinese New Year Buffet.



Students from the Asian Club compete in a basketball game at CHS.

Student- Teacher Book Club



Student- Teacher Book Club

Ms. Parker, Advisor

Teachers and Students read and discuss various books. The books that were read and reviewed were: *The Glass Castle*, *Invictus* and *Bel Canto*. Student - Teacher Book Club meets weekly in room 539.





Art Club

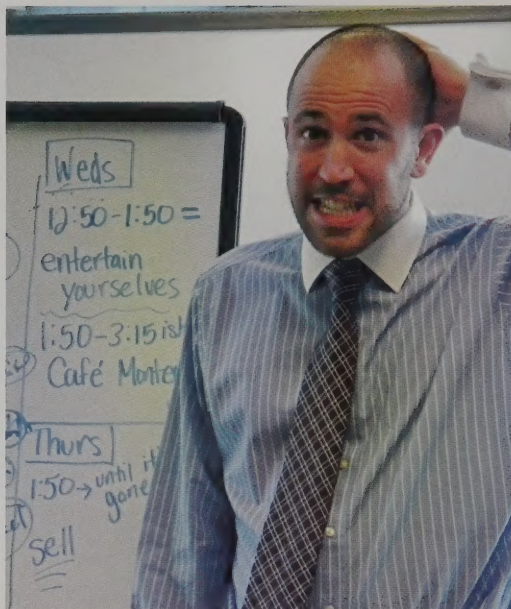
Mr. Lane, Advisor

Students work on various art projects which are displayed throughout the school. Projects of merit include: President Obama, Dedication to Hati, along with signs and posters to promote school spirit for Charlestown High School sporting events.



Euro

Mr. Berbeco looks perplexed as he ponders how to raise money for the Euro Trip. Always a challenge to fundraise, this year's club rose to the challenge.



Euro

Ms. Piacitelli, Advisor
Mr. Berbeco, Advisor

The Euro Club offers students a chance to travel to Europe to experience different cultures in a learning environment. The trip offers each student a way to supplement their studies and bring home those experiences to use everyday in the classroom.

Each student raises \$1000 through silent auctions and bake sales.



Members from the Euro Club prepare some delicious treats for the bake sale.



Athletics

Excellence in Academics,
Athletics and Community





Volleyball

"Man Voice" on 3

Locked in frustrations converted to passion on the court.

Energy to play, nerves to battle, and desire to win.

Setting up to Kill, that's the plan.

"1, 2, 3, CTOUWWNN!!!!"

POW! The ball flies to the opponents side.

Steady gaze, ready to receive,
attached to the court.

For the team, for our name, for ourselves.

Go hard cause there's nothing better.

Don't want the game to end, still energized ...

there has to be more, but its over.

One by one, tears and more tears.

Last game of the season, last high school game of our lives
but we made it this far.

We played, we battled, AND we won.

Passion is still there, memories: unforgettable.

Charlestown ladies: we are the best.

Nothing can compare to the family we have obtained.

"1,2,3 CTOUWWNN!!!!"

Will never die!

There is no end.

We will move forward from here to a newer place,
with memories to keep, laughs to remember, and friends to cherish...

By Denise Garcia

Class of 2010



The team discusses the game plan!



SCOREBOARD

Brighton 3	Charlestown 2	Brighton 2	Charlestown 2
West Roxbury 2	Charlestown 3	Snowden 2	Charlestown 3
Burke 2	Charlestown 3	Dorchester 3	Charlestown 2
Latin Ac. 3	Charlestown 2	Boston Int. 3	Charlestown 3
Burke 3	Charlestown 2	East Boston 3	Charlestown 2
East Boston 2	Charlestown 3	Latin Ac. 3	Charlestown 2
Latin Ac. 3	Charlestown 2	Snowden 2	Charlestown 2
Madison Park 3	Charlestown 2	Madison Park 2	Charlestown 3
South Boston 2	Charlestown 3	South Boston 2	Charlestown 3



2009-2010 CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



These girls look very focused on the game. Their hard work has paid off with a winning season in a berth to the State Tournament.



CTOWN NUMBER #1
Head Coach: Monique Kaloyanides gets the girls pumped up!

Roster

Nhi Le

Denise Garcia

Sandra Negron

Maria Coleman

Anna Chen

Christine Mai

Jasmine Balls

Samira Lopes

Stephanie Depina

Deanna Zollarcoffer

Naomi Bryant

Shirley Contreras

Jasmine Daniels

Andrea Baez

Danielle Pereira

Jaritzza Batista

Khanh Kim Dao

Bianca Wood

Nicola Henry





Football



The boys receive some pre-game talk from coach Cahill.



Bobby Leslie needs a waterbreak after scoring a TOUCH DOWN.



SCOREBOARD

Martha's Vineyard	Forfeit
West Roxbury	L, 22-0
at East Boston	L, 44-0
at South Shore Voc-Tech	L, 32-6
Latin Academy	L, 30-0
at Dorchester	L, 46-0
at Boston English	L, 32-0
at Madison Park	L, 46-0
South Boston	L, 40-0
Chelsea	L, 33-0





The Charlestown Townies battle on the field

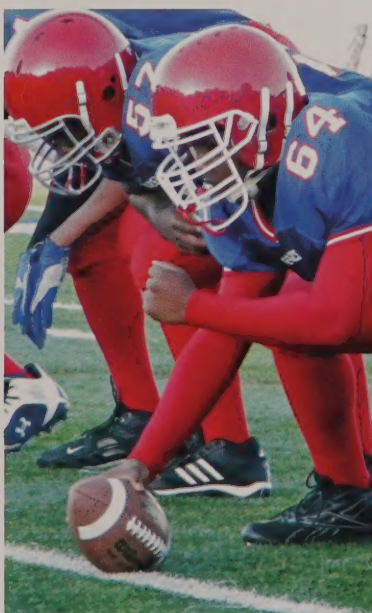


2009 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

George Farro - Head Coach
Sean Connolly - Assistant Coach
Dave Cahill - Assistant Coach



Quarterback sneak for a TOUCHDOWN.



Roster

Devontee Barrero
Joel Foster
Odane Harriott
Bobby Leslie
Odane Harriott
Jalik Toombs
Elijah Nicholas
David Depina
David Decard
Kamal Riley
Paul Hudson
Luis Aponte
Yuri Rodriguez
Charles Johnson
Ed Vespquez
Antonio Colon
Mike Nicholas
Ivan Reyes
Joel Foster
Tristen Hairston
John Tran
Jordan Miller
Joe Wheeler
Nate Pagnant
Willy Pierre
Mark Accino
Rolandi Romelius
Abdi Abdulahi
Brian Stavinsky





Cheerleading



The cheerleading squad prepares for the PEP RALLY.





2009 - 2010 Charlestown High School Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders

Joanna Beatty
 Daedre Bolden
 Keondra Brooks
 MyAsia Brown
 Krystina Corporan
 Sierra Dancy-Williams
 Angie Davis
 Rickelle Dickson
 Tatiana Green
 Brittany Leslie
 Wandaisha Lopez
 Shirell Niles
 Natalia Reynolds
 Tracy Saintil
 Pamela Santa
 Stephanie Szeto

Coaches

Mrs. Carreiro
 Ms. Watson





Boys Soccer

The Boys Varsity Soccer team had a memorable year with great team victories over Brighton (A 2-0 Home Opener with two Manny Goncalves goals), Snowden (3-0), West Roxbury (3-1), and Latin Academy (3-1). Despite a 4 - 8 - 2 record, and failing to make the state tournament, the team put together some impressive performances. The league took notice by placing Freshman Jason Mendoza, Sophomore Manny Andrade and Senior Captain Brenton Beaufls on the City-League All-Start Team. In addition, Senior Captains Jonathan Delgado and Brenton Beaufls were selected to Boston Globe Division 1 All-Star Team as representatives from the City-League. Returning a strong core of young players, the Boys have the talent to remain competitive within the city and progress to the state tournament for years to come.



Coach Hackett is giving some last minute instructions.



SCOREBOARD

@ Brighton W, 2-0
Snowden W, 3-0
West Roxbury W, 3-1
Latin Academy W, 3-1
Boston International L, 4-0
East Boston L, 6-0

South Boston L, 3-1
Madison Park L, 5-0
Boston International L, 4-0
New Mission L, 3-0
Brighton L, 4-0

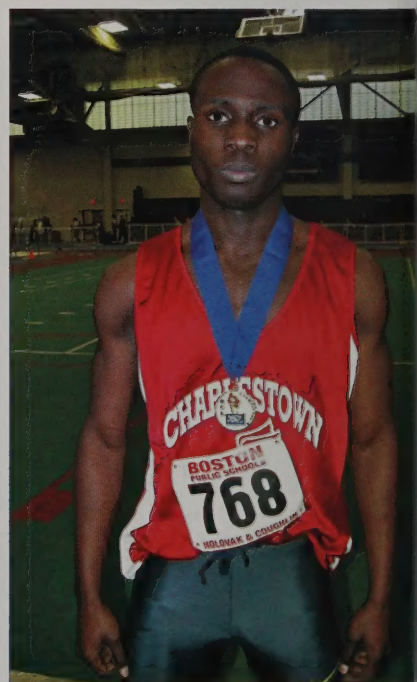


Indoor Track

The 2009-2010 indoor season was led by new coach, Said Ahmed, former Boston Public School track champion. Said helped the team realize awards this year including: Individual city champions and new personal bests. The team was very young but they are a team on the rise. Sophomore, Paris Tillery, & freshman, Danisha Jarrett, shared the city MVP. In addition, Brenton Beaufil, led the city in the 300 meters and was ranked 3rd in the state.



Deneisha Jarrett is awarded girls MVP the 300 meter for the City Track Championships..



SCOREBOARD

Boys

West Roxbury	L, 51-18
Madison Park	L, 33-29
Latin Academy	L, 80-20
O'Bryant	L, 69-11
East Boston	L, 42-30

Girls

West Roxbury	L, 42-11
Charlestown	W, 16-11
Latin Academy	L, 84-10
O'Bryant	L, 85-9
Charlestown	W, 18-5

City Championships

Girls 4th Place

Boys 5th Place



Members of the 2010 Indoor Track Team
Head Coach - Said Ahmed
Assistant Coach - Charlie Dean



sophomore, Paris Tillery, was undefeated throughout indoor track season. Paris showed complete leadership and led her team to a win in the 4 X 200 meters relay.



Devaunte Borrero relieved 2nd place in the city championships 2 mile run.

Roster	
Brenton Beauflis	
Adozindo Dasilva	
Ivan Reyes	
Urie Louissaint	
Jonathan Delgado	
Kamal Riley	
Jonny Tran	
Devaunte Borrero	
Zesia Vierira	
Paris Tillery	
Martine Laine	
Deanna Zollarforrer	
Myasia Brown	
Shakira Allan	
Downing Christine	
Daneisha Jarrett	





CTOWN LADIES IN THE HOUSE.....

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team finished the season 8-9, and was one game short of qualifying for the state tournament. The team showed a lot of improvement throughout the season and will be an exciting team for years to come. The team beat rival East Boston in a thrilling fashion with their fans cheering them on.



The team gets a pep talk from head coach Rayetta Perkins

SCOREBOARD

Fenway L, 49-17
 Snowden W, 43-27
 East Boston W, 48-32
 at Latin Academy L, 61-44
 at Snowden L, 46-41
 at Haverhill L, 56-15
 Latin Academy L, 66-36
 English W, 33-29

Snowden W, 43-33
 Burke L, 73-54
 at Dorchester W, 62-40
 at South Boston W, 32-12
 Fenway L, 48-25
 at East Boston W, 40-36
 Latin Academy L, 66-36
 South Boston W, 32-19





2009-2010 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Head Coach Rayetta Perkins

Assistant Coach Lou Larry



Denise Garcia & Keonna Rust sport their Charlestown jerseys with pride.



Roster	
Varsity	
Sara Centeio	
Angie Davis	
Stephanie Depina	
Denise Garcia	
Vanessa Castillo	
Adrienne Allison	
Danika Deoliverira	
Nyas Rust	
Natalla Reynolds	
Makeeba Farguarson	
Erica Carpenter	
Junior Varsity	
Eurise Semedo	
Sara Williams	
Gianni Huertas	
Angie Davis	
Andrienne Allison	
Jacqueline White	
Danika Deoliveira	
Brittany Leslie	
Rosanna Wilder	





WE RUN THIS TOWN.....

Boys Basketball

The Charlestown boys basketball team consisted of a young core of student athletes who battled hard every game. The team defeated some very good teams who were ranked in the top 10 in the state of Massachusetts. A key victory was when the team defeated arch rival East Boston High School. The team also qualified for the Division 1 State Tournament. In the preliminary round they defeated Methuen High School and in the First round lost to the number one team in the state, Central Catholic. The team also had a 3.2 team GPA and had 3 student athletes selected to the Boston City All-Star game (Akosa Maduegbunam, Omar Orrilloes & Steve Rosemond)

GO CHARLESTOWN!

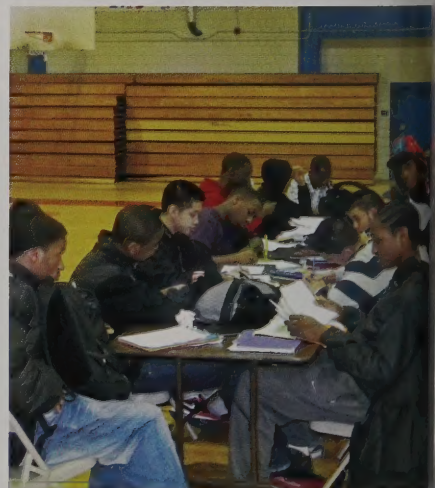


SCOREBOARD

Fenway,	W 77-41	at Fenway	W, 89-39
Snowden	W, 70-66	at Snowden	W, 78-74
at East Boston	L, 78-63	at Whitinsville	W, 77-61
St. John's Prep	L, 99-75	East Boston	W, 85-81
Needham	W, 77-55	at St. John's Prep	L, 76-60
Franklin	L, 82-78	at Latin Academy	W, 73-51
Latin Academy	W, 88-62	South Boston	W, 71-62
at Mt. Pleasant	W 57-51	at Masconomet	L, 62-58
at South Boston	L, 67-66	Madison Park	L, 78-55
at Madison Park	L, 75-45	at Brighton	L, 81-61

State Tournament

Methuen	W, 71-60
at Central Catholic	L, 76-42



Freshmen Boys Basketball Team
2009-2010

Coach Josh Bordes, Darius Walford, Jasc Mendoza, Willy Pierre, Jalik Toombs, Joseph Wheeler, Keith Graham-Smith, Kenny Ramero, Abd Abdullah, Keywan Kelly, Akhil Rubeck, David Depina, Jali Toombs, Brandon Huff, Elijah Nicholas



WHOS' HOUSE ... CTOWNS' HOUSE.....



2010- Boys Varsity Basketball Team- Head Coach Edson Cardoso, Assistant Coaches Jamaal Camah, Litthcut, Paul Joyce & Josh Bordes- Academic Coordinator Sara Di Bonaventura



2009-2010 Boys Junior Varsity Team

Row Left- Dereck Hector, Daniel Bautista, Jamel Ellison, Nikko Stafford, Michael Jackson, Mald Geronimo
 om Row Left- Coach Josh Bordes, Mark Accino, Jamiah Drigo, Bobby Leslie, Mikey Pham, Manny grade, Head Coach Tracy Litthcut

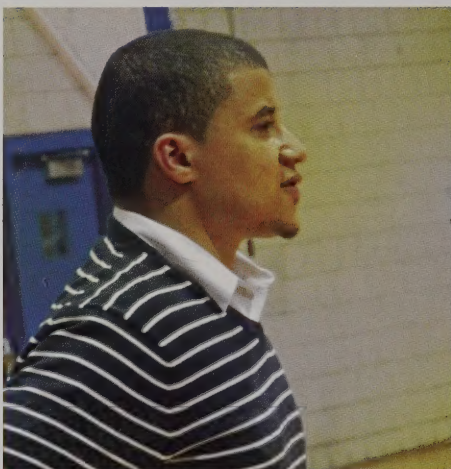
Roster

Omar Orrioles
 Akosa -Maduegbunam
 Jamiah Driggo
 Michael Jackson
 Jawahri Abdullah
 Jose Capo
 Jamal Ellison
 Brandon Ngo
 Michael Hodges
 Jose Richiez
 Manny Andrade
 Nikko Stafford
 Terrence Pight
 Steve Rosemond
 Mark Accino
 Ramon Gibbons
 Demetri Lewis





State Tournament



Coach Cardoso is proud of the hard work and effort that the team displayed this season.

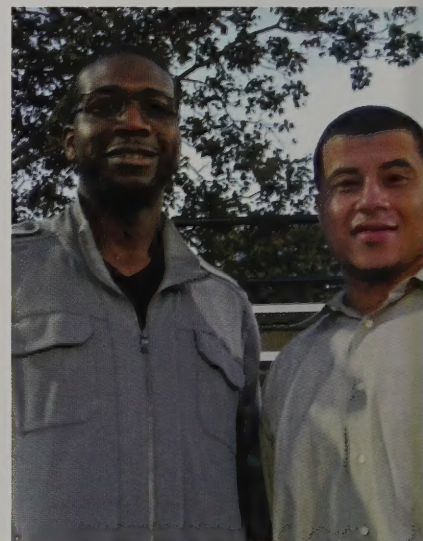


The boys enjoy their team dinner of pasta and meatballs prepared by Laura Parani.



SCOREBOARD

Methuen	W, 70-61
Central Catholic	L, 76-42



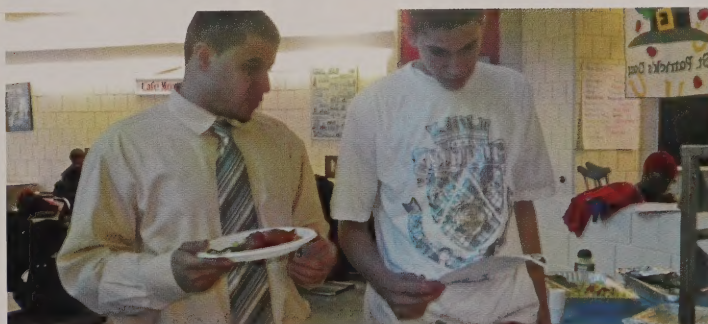
Coach Camah and Coach Cardoso have their game face on.



Charlestown vs. Central Catholic-First round of the State Tournament.



Coach Cardoso gets the boys focused and ready for the big game at Methuen High School.



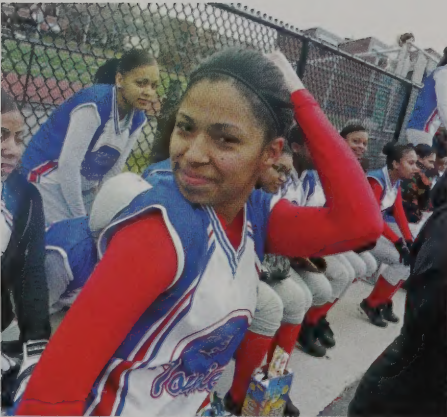
Our fans show support at the game.



Softball

The Charlestown High School girls softball team is excited for another great year. We graduated many girls from the Varsity team in '09, but there is a lot of talent coming up the ranks! We know both our Varsity and JV teams will have excellent season.

Coach Aexandra Weir



UPCOMING OPPONENTS

Snowdena
East Boston
West Roxbury
Brighton
O'Bryantat
New Mission
Madison
Boston International
East Boston
Hyde Park

Hyde Park
Burke
East Boston
Fenway
Brighton
Fenway
South Boston
Charlestown
Brighton
Dorchester



2010 Girls Varsity Softball Team

Roster

Varsity

Andrea Baez
 Joanna Beatty
 Katie Krouti-Butler
 Shirley Contreras
 Jasmine Daniels
 Rickelle Dickson
 Makeeba Farguarson
 Erica Flores
 Rosemary Germant
 Nicola Henry
 Samira Lopes
 Sandra Negron
 Monique Powell
 Valerie Raymond
 Katerin Roman
 Bianca Wood

Head Coach-

Aexandra Weir



2010 Girls JV Softball Team

Roster

Junior Varsity

Gabby Bansie
 Shanika Cunningham
 Stephanie Depina
 Wrenisha Grant
 Timesha Leary
 Ayanda Liburd
 Wandaisha Lopes
 Lyz Maldonado
 Ederlin Pimintel
 Pamela Santa
 Danielle Pereira

Head Coach

Geo Navarro



Baseball

Coach Farro & Coach Oliver return a solid group of student athletes who will be competitive in the Boston City League. The teams overall success will depend on how the young group of athletes come together.

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

Competitor 25

Fenway
Dorchester
Snowden
Boston International
Snowden

Burke
Fenway
Dorchester
Boston International
Burke
South Boston





2010 Boys Baseball Team



Roster

Varsity

Hector Pena
 Manuel Camacho
 Joel Espinal
 Benjamin Liu
 Christian Morales
 Jonathan Vega
 Yuri Rodrigues
 Jamal Ellison
 Justin Kenny
 David Depina
 Nikko Stafford
 Michael Hodges
 Rodrigo Torres
 Daniel Laguerre
 Henry Allison
 David Perryman
 Mark Accino
 Eli Nichols
 Picardy Lamour
 Joshua Lawrence
 Jose Richiez

Head Coach

George Farro

Assistant Coach

Robert Oliver



Outdoor Track

The spring season looks promising for the outdoor track team. The boys' team is a mixture of veterans and some fresh faces. Kamaal Riley and Brenton Beaufls return as individual city champions in their events. Jonathan Delgado and Jose Capo also bring lots of experience. The girls' team is a young group with a bright future. Sophomores Natalia Desgannes, Zeiza Vieira, and Dioni Daley are top sophomores, while Sara Centeio and Natalia Reynolds lead a strong freshman class. Natalee Irving and Shakeira Allen provide important senior leadership.

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

West Roxbury
Madison Park
English
Latin Academy
O'Bryant
East Boston





2010 Outdoor Track Team



Roster

Varsity

Girls

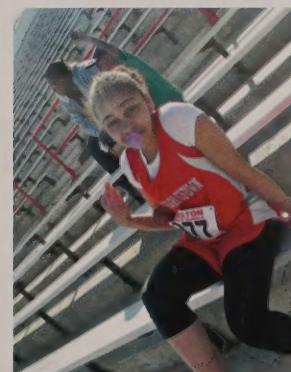
Myasia Brown
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Safiya Coward
Dioni Dailey
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Shakiera Allen
Levie Fernandez
Kasozi Apile
Natalia Reynolds
Zeisa Viera
Natalee Irving

Boys

Brenton Beauflis
Jose Capo
Jonathan Delgado
Michael Jackson
Odane Harriot
Bobby Leslie
Urie Louissaint
David Perryman
Jose Martinez
Ivan Reyes
Kamal Riley
Kenny Romero
Johnny Tran
Detrone Young

Head Coach
Steve Cassidy

Assistant Coach
Kristen Hughes





Girls Soccer

Charlestown High School started a girls soccer club team this year which was lead by Ms. Cummings, Mr. Biddy and Ms. Hess.



The girls take a timeout break and rethinks the game strategy.



The team sets up a play to score the winning goal.

SCOREBOARD

Dorchester
Brighton
Snowden

Boston City Club Team Tournament
New Mission
Hyde Park





The girls pose for a team picture after a hard practice

Roster

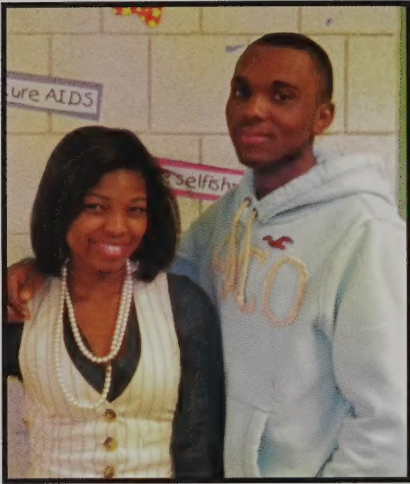
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Charlestown High School 2009 Girls Soccer Club



Superlatives



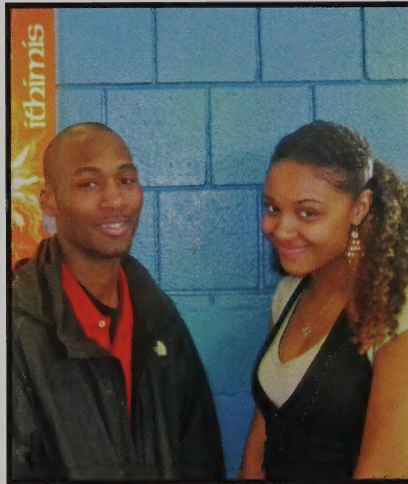
Best Dressed
Freda Okundaye &
Detrone Young



Quietest Person
Ariannah Diniz &
Waylen Lei



Most Likely To Succeed
Cherise Comma &
Jose Capo



Class Clown
Terrence Pight &
Carla Spinola



Most Dramatic
Freda Okundaye &
Steve Rosemond



Most Hyper
Anthony Jimenez



Most Athletic
Denise Garcia &
Kamal Riley

Superlatives



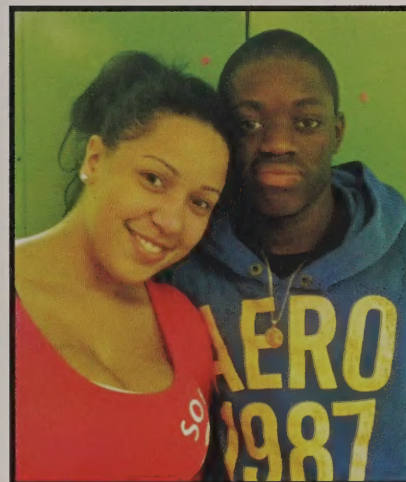
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Kirk Driggs &
Sally Tran



Most Talkative
Kirk Driggs &
Jasmine Balls



**Most Likely
To Rule the World**
Lamar Amis & Jamila Hussein



Best Personality
Odane Harriot &
Ariannah



Cutest Couple
Lamar Amis & Luara Sanon



Biggest Flirt
Henry Allison &
Jasmine Daniels



Most School Spirit
Jasmine Balls & Kamal Riley

Superlatives



Late To Graduation
Anthony Chester &
Brenda Guiterrez



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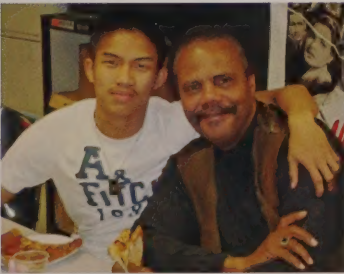
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"Adversity Make Us Stronger"



SLC 1

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Mr. Camah
Mrs. Romero
Mrs. Summers
Mrs. Carreiro
Ms. Kang
Dr. Ngo
Ms. Gross
Mrs. Via
Mrs. Winsor
Mr. Berbeco
Mrs. West
Mr. Rolinson
Mr. Biddy
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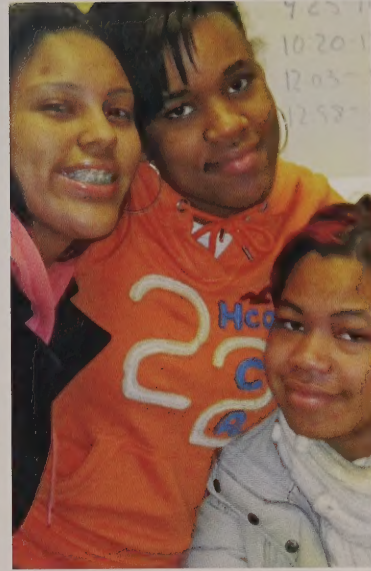


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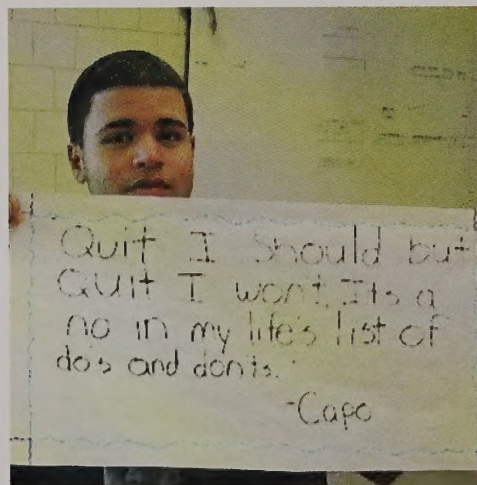
"People may doubt what you
SAY
But they will always believe what you
DO"

Ms. Koehler
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Mr. Connolly
Ms. Nagin
Ms. Pirani
Ms. Ault
Ms. Snow
Ms. Weddee
Ms. Walker
Mr. Cassidy
Ms. Crocker
Ms. Schwarz
Ms. Di Bonaventura
Mr. Ahmed
Ms. Aikens
Mr. Oliver
Mr. Dibinga
Ms. Nguyen
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Byrd
Mr. Fox
Ms. Hughes
Ms. Hess
Ms. Liu





Small Learning Community 2



Small Learning Community 3

"A child's life is like a piece of paper
on which every person leaves a mark"



Catherine Chiu

Gina Leong

Ada Lei

Jessica Orlando

Al Sachs

Sou-Yan Wong

Chikae Yamauchi

Christina Yee

Dora Yu

Joyce Sau Chan

Kia-Liang Chang



Small Learning Community 3





Small Learning Community 4

"Smart is not what you are . . .
it's what you GET"

Ms. Roter
Ms. Schecter
Ms. Delahanty
Ms. Crocker
Mr. Frederick
Ms. King





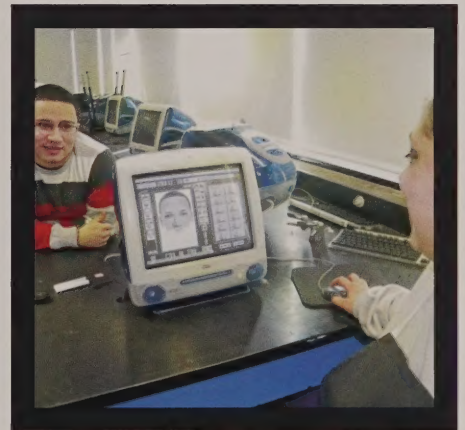
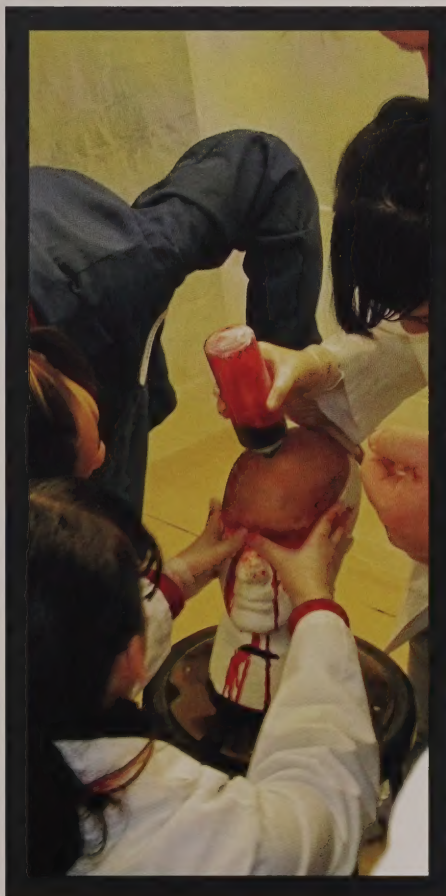
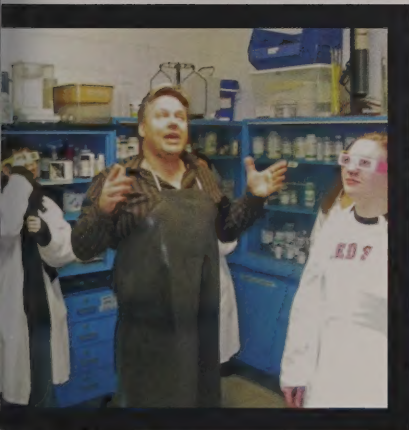
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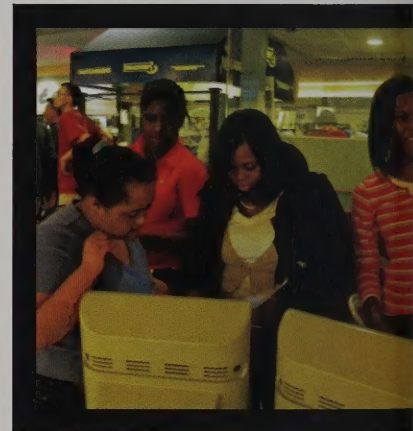
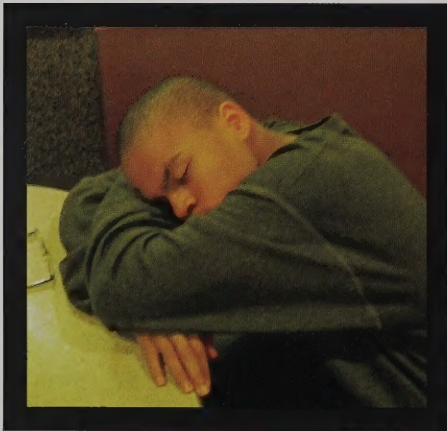
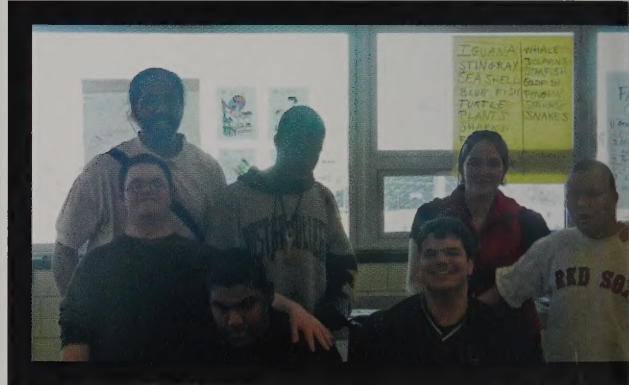
Forensic Sciences

The Real CSI

Charlestown High School has the most comprehensive High School forensic lab in the State of Massachusetts. Extensive fund raising efforts coordinated by Rich Fox, resulted in donations and grant monies totaling over \$200,000. Fox's students have been featured in numerous exposés including The Wall Street Journal, Las Vegas Review Journal, and The Boston Educator. The students have also appeared on major news networks in the Las Vegas Valley and Channel 7 action news in Boston. Many of the students have gone on to pursue various law enforcement careers. In order to attract students, the forensics program was promoted through a variety of outreach efforts including forensic workshops for gifted and talented elementary students, inner city middle school students, and a wide variety of civic groups. Charlestown High School is currently collaborating with Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Police Department to design and build a state of the art forensic facility on site at CHS.



Special Education



Spanish



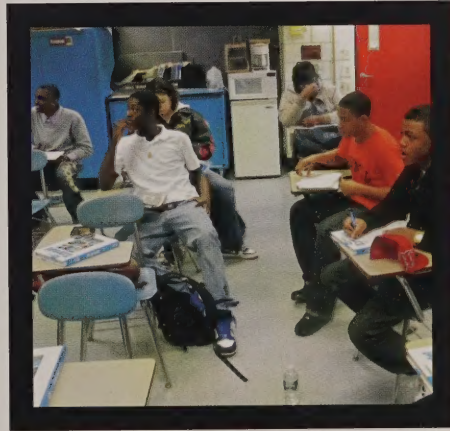
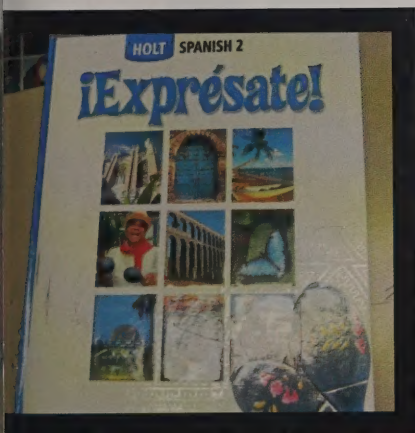
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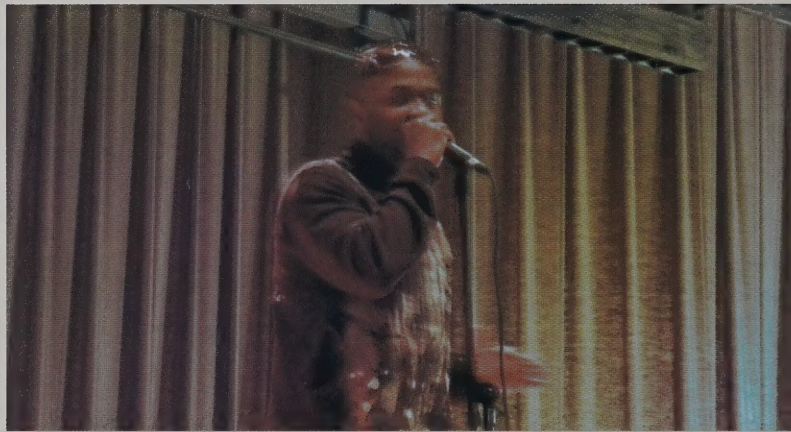


School Events

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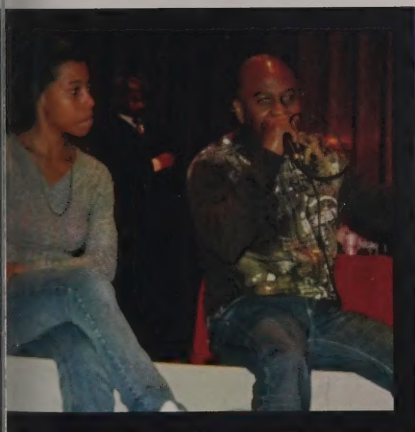
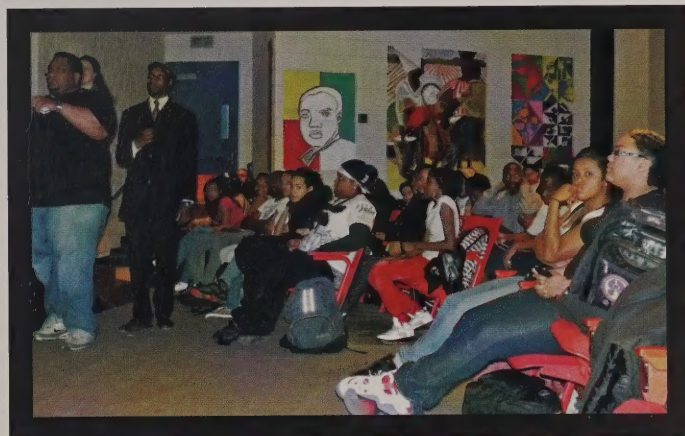
College/Career Day, Pep Rally, African Show, Snowball,

Robotics, Brown Bag Day



Serani

Music Artist, Serani, visited Charlestown High School and spoke to students about his road map that led him to being successful and the peer pressure that students face in their teen years. Serani also performed his hit single, "No Games" and answered questions from the audience.



Michael Patrick MacDonald

Michael Patrick MacDonald, Author and Activist visited Charlestown High School and discussed with students his book - All Souls. Students from Mr. Dibinga's and Mrs. Parker's English class were part of a panel which asked numerous questions pertaining to the book. Other students from CHS were able to attend the gathering and pose questions they had for Mr. MacDonald. Charlestown High School was very fortunate to have Michael Patrick MacDonald in attendance.



Chinese New Year



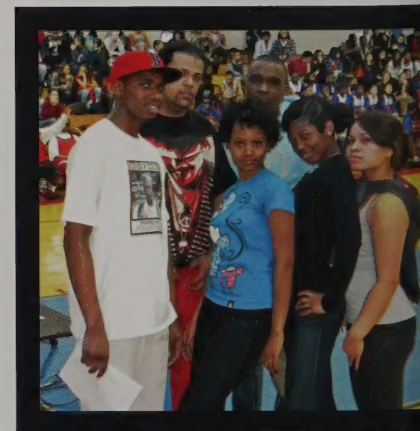
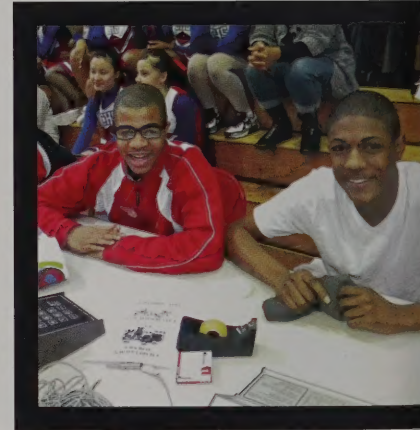
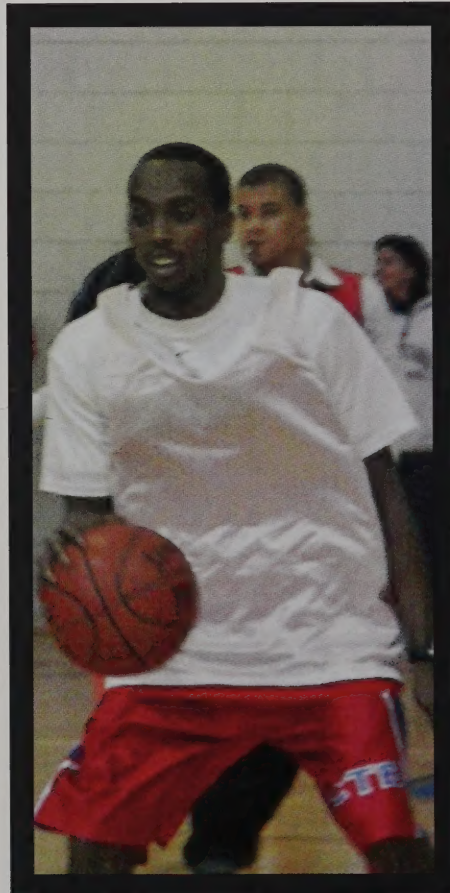
The Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It is often called the Lunar New Year, especially by people in mainland China and Taiwan. Students and staff from SLC 3 celebrated the Chinese New year with singing performances, a talent show and delicious meals.



Pep Rally

Charlestown High School celebrated school spirit this year with an amazing Pep Rally filled with entrainment. Dense Garcia & Jasmine Balls hosted the event which included a performance by the cheerleaders, competitive games and the main event of the Students vs. Teachers basketball game. The students won the game and the teachers fought hard. The pep rally was followed by the big game of East Boston vs. Charlestown Boys Basketball team where Charlestown was victorious with a 85-81 win.

GO CHARLESTOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!



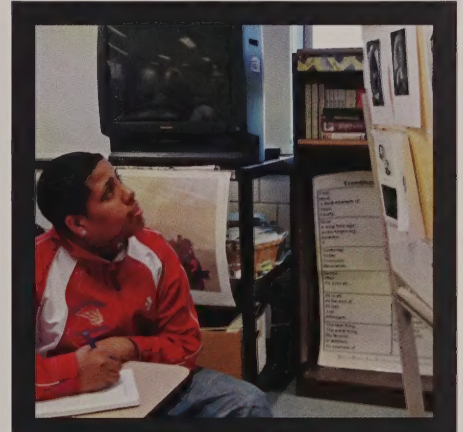
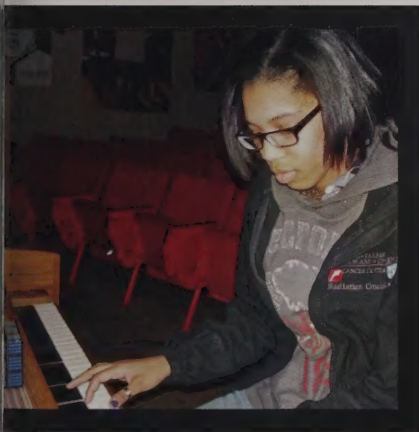
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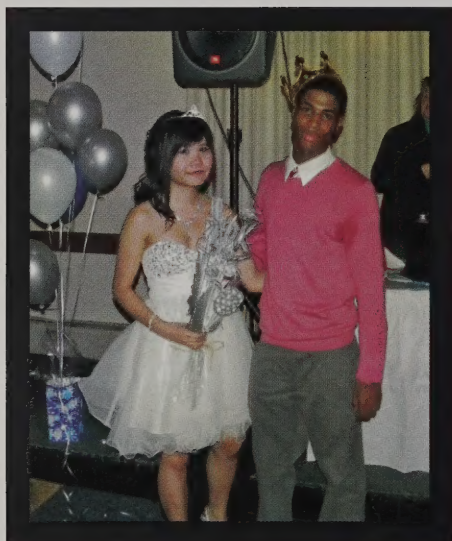
Mrs. Mills

The Boston University Theater program teamed up with Charlestown High School and presented improvisational skits from *Antigone*, by Sophocles. Students also performed Black History Celebration dances. Mrs. Mills class, A "Primary Source", implemented a gallery walk focused on the: "Underground Railroad", utilizing resource pictures and PBS documentaries.

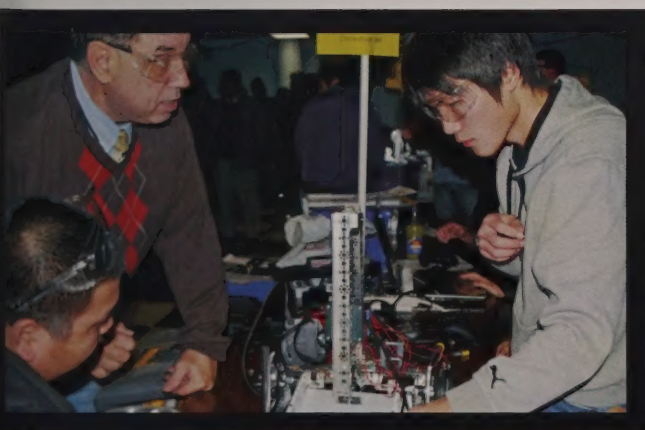
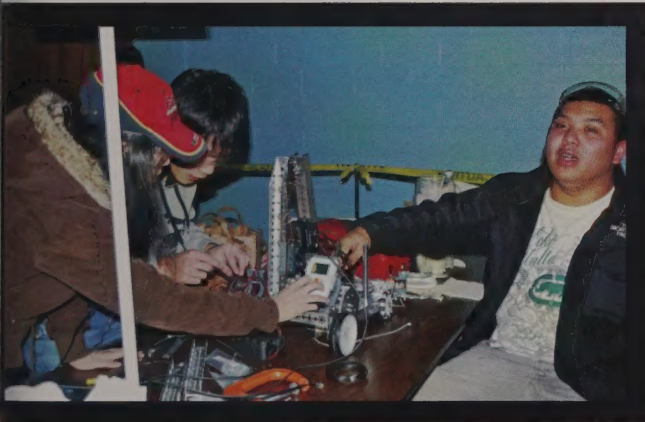


Snowball Dance

The first annual "Snowball Dance", was held in Charlestown at the Knights of Columbus. Michael Royce & Kim Dao were awarded Prince & Princess & Jose Capo & Shirley Contreras were awarded King & Queen. The dance was a huge success and the students had a great time.



FIRST Tech Challenge

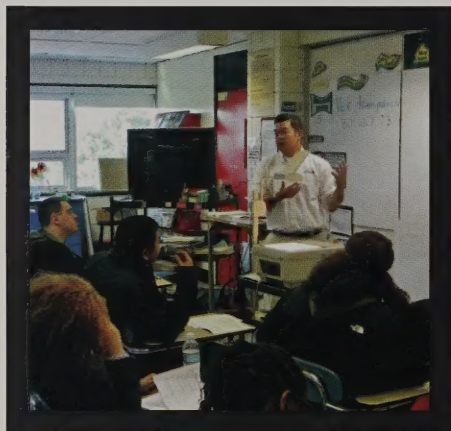
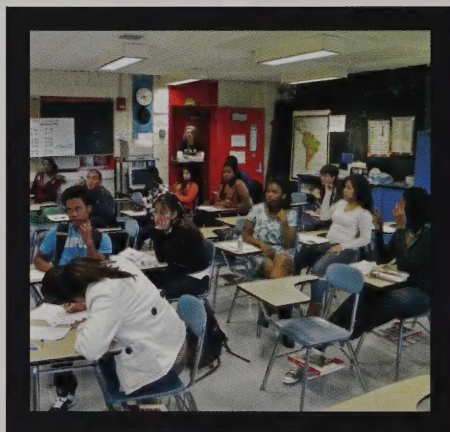
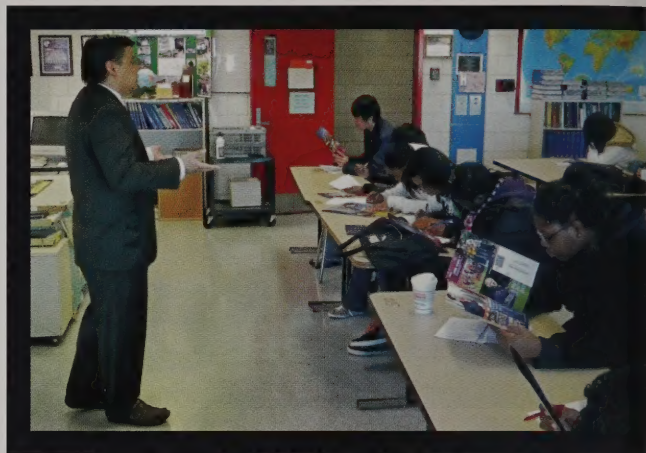


On Saturday, 27 February 2010, the CTownBots, the Charlestown High School robotics team competed in the Massachusetts State Championships of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge robotics competition. The championship was held at the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer MA. The team's participation followed months of hard work designing, building, programming and testing the robot that was entered into the championship. The CTownBots is composed of five students, Jingwen Long and Yang Li from HR 220, Sheng Xu and Cheng Yan Chen from HR 222 and Tony Lee from HR 411. The team was accompanied by Al & Nicole Bird and Rich Fox. While the team did not qualify for the nationals at this competition, it was a great experience and a good time was had by all. For more information check out the FTC website at <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc/> or go to <http://www.pathfinderroboticsonline.com/> for information about the championship. The robotics club from which the team was developed meets every Thursday after school in room 315. You are invited to drop by and see the robotics program at work.



College/Career Day

Colleges and organizations were in attendance for the annual college/career day workshops. The various colleges that offered workshops were Suffolk, Northeastern, Bowdoin, Roxbury Community College, Spelman, Wheaton, Brandeis, Colby and UMASS Dartmouth. Organizations that were in attendance were Private Industry Council City Year and Mass General Hospital.



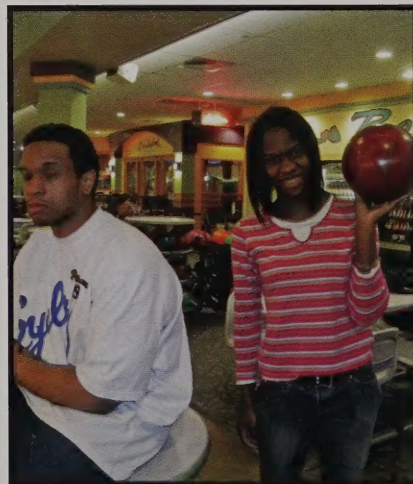
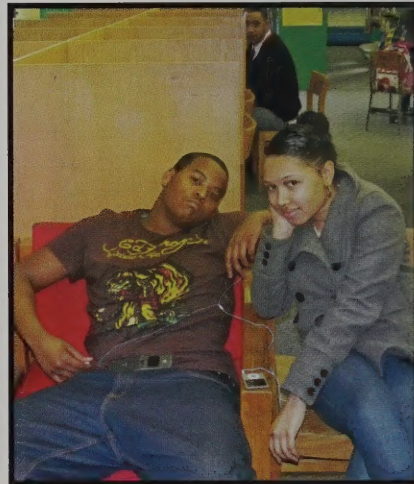
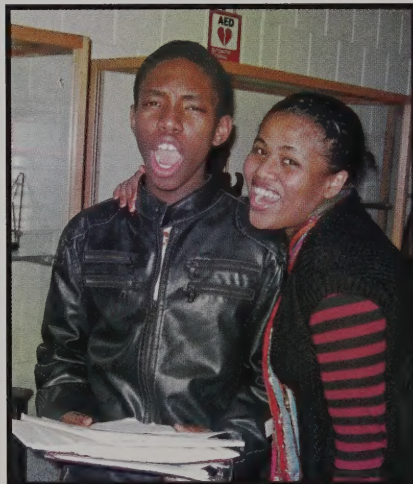
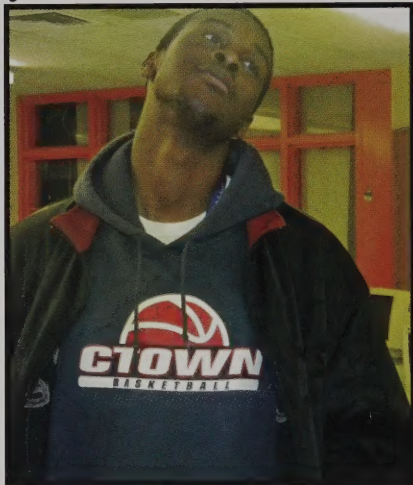
Brown Bag Day



Student and Staff volunteers packed hundreds of bags filled with canned foods and liquids which was then given to homeless shelters across Boston. Thanks to Major Chaisson and Chief Lopes for making the can food drive a success.

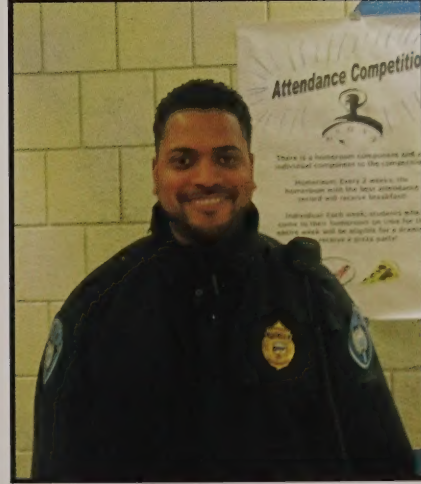
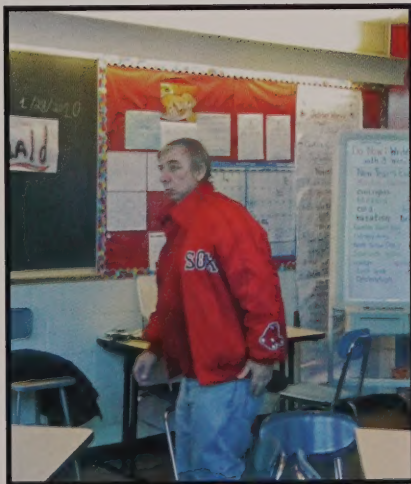
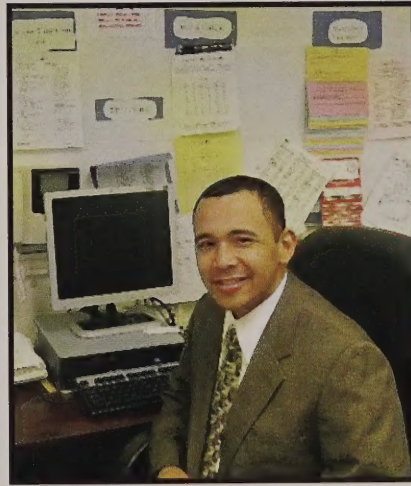
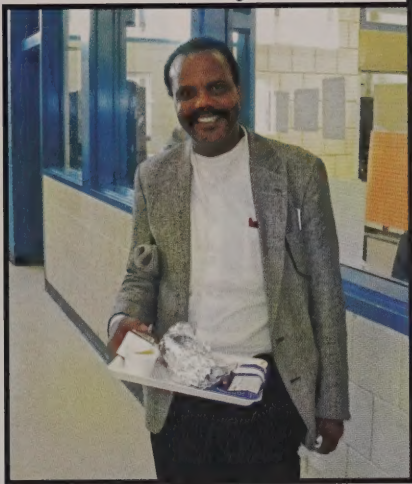


Students being *Students*



Staff being

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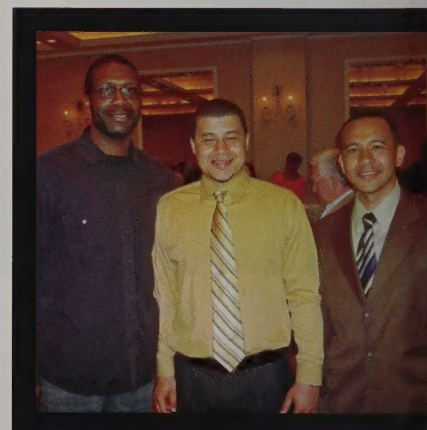


Val Shelley's Retirement

- Thank you Val -

For all your support,
dedication and hard work.

Enjoy your retirement!



Palestinian Hip Hop Concert

Arabic Concert



Da Arabian MCs (DAM) performed live at Charlestown High School. DAM is one of the foremost music groups in the Middle East and their tours abroad regularly sell out. Although their performance is in Arabic, DAM's music transcends language boundaries. DAM is featured in the documentary film *Slingshot Hip Hop* (<http://www.slingshothiphop.com>), an official Sundance selection among several other awards.



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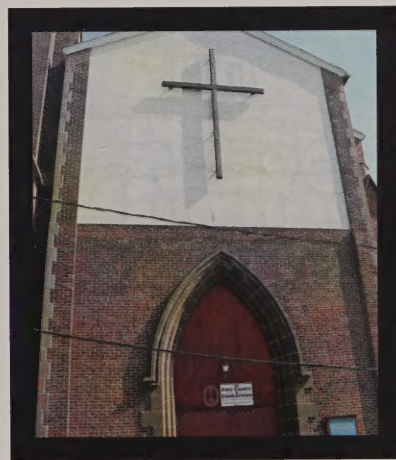
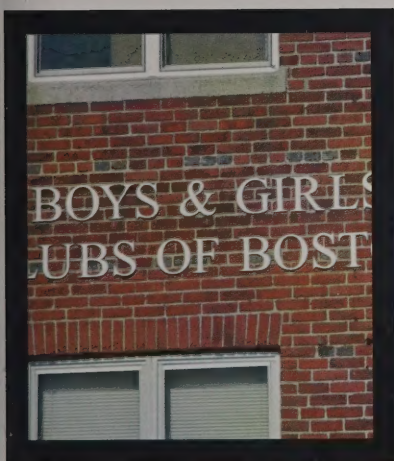
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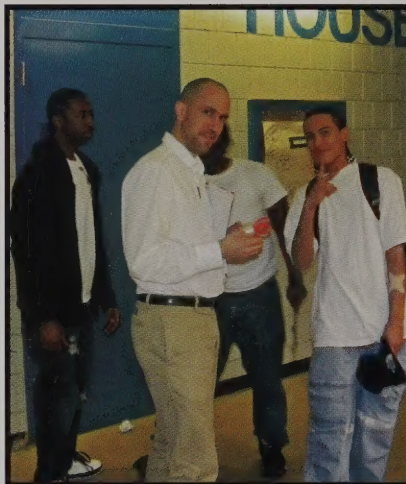
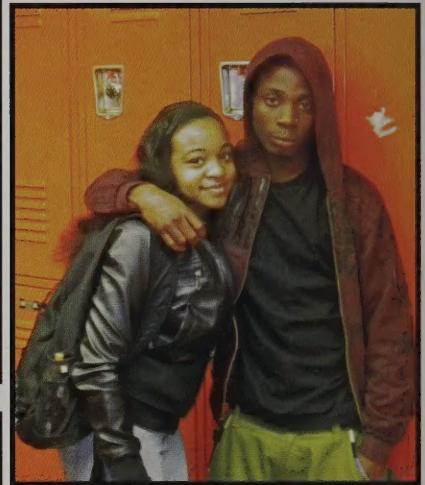
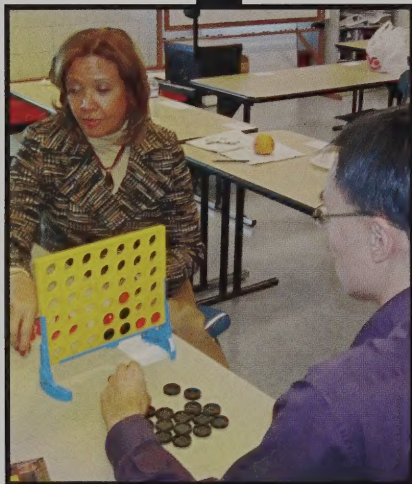


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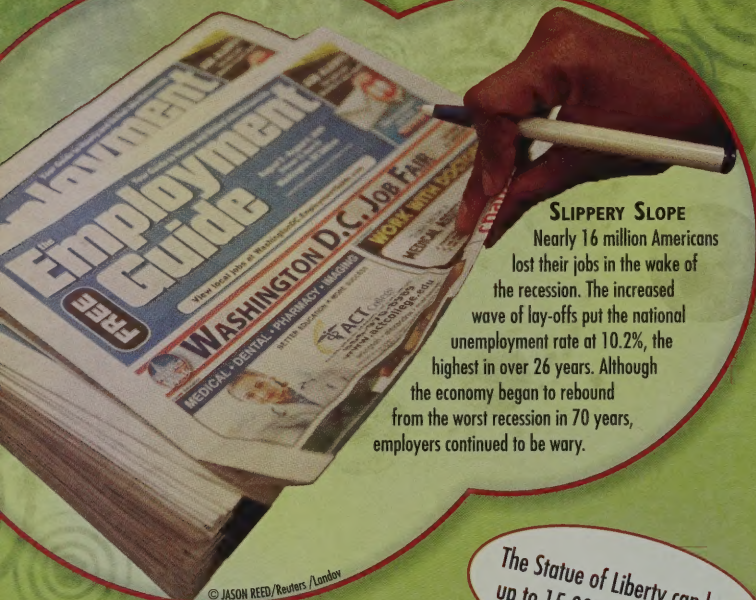
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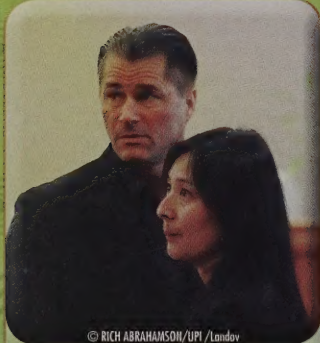


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SLIPPERY SLOPE

Nearly 16 million Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the recession. The increased wave of lay-offs put the national unemployment rate at 10.2%, the highest in over 26 years. Although the economy began to rebound from the worst recession in 70 years, employers continued to be wary.

The Statue of Liberty can have up to 15,000 visitors per day.



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BALLOON HOAX

Millions watched as a large metallic balloon, said to be carrying a 6 year old boy, soared through the air in Colorado. When it landed and "balloon boy" Falcon Heene was not inside, the world was relieved to learn he had been hiding in the attic the entire time. Three days later, after a telling interview, the whole spectacle was deemed a hoax in the parents' pursuit of fame and fortune. The parents pled guilty to criminal charges and received jail time.



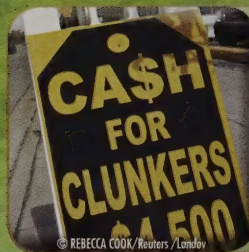
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FORT HOOD TRAGEDY

On November 5, 2009, Fort Hood, America's largest military base, transformed from a place where soldiers prepare for war to an actual battlefield. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a licensed military psychiatrist, opened fire in the processing center where soldiers report before deployment. Twelve soldiers and one civilian lost their lives, while 30 others were injured, including Hasan. In the past, Hasan had been openly critical about the war on terror.



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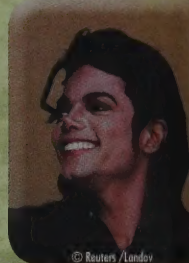
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CLUNKERS MAKE SOME NOISE

For nearly a month in the summer of 2009 America was consumed by CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System), commonly known as Cash for Clunkers. The government program was designed to encourage drivers to trade-in old gas-guzzlers in favor of new, fuel-efficient vehicles. With an incentive of up to \$4,500, the program was wildly successful and nearly 700,000 cars were traded in.

A MUSIC ICON REMEMBERED

Legendary performer Michael Jackson passed away suddenly at the age of 50. As news spread of his death, the internet suffered a significant slowdown as people worldwide conducted simultaneous searches. Jackson was also nominated for five American Music Awards in 2009, including Artist of the Year, after his music saw a tremendous surge in sales and airplay. As a final tribute, Sony Pictures released *This Is It*. The never-before-seen footage of Jackson rehearsing for his final 50 shows was a massive success, making millions.



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NUCLEAR TEST

North Korea conducted a series of rocket and missile tests, including an underground nuclear bomb test in an attempt to lure the U.S. into talks to loosen sanctions. The international community was outraged, stating that the test was in clear violation of international law. In 2008, North Korea agreed to suspend its nuclear testing in exchange for economic stimulus, but the deal fell through after it removed inspectors from the country.

ALL A BUZZ

Kavya Shivashankar, a 13 year old from Kansas, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A four-time competitor and aspiring neurosurgeon, Kavya won the trophy and more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes with her correct spelling of "Loodicean" — meaning lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics.



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CATASTROPHIC QUAKE

The island nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake so strong it could be felt nearly 200 miles away. The flattened capital city left millions seeking shelter and medical attention and Haitian government officials estimated over 111,000 people lost their lives. Humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross set up aid and relief efforts while streamlining donations by allowing individuals to text message pledges. Within days, over \$355 million in donations had been raised through the combined efforts of companies, charities and individuals.

OPRAH MOVES ON

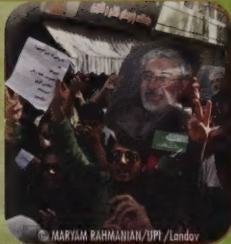
Popular syndicated talk show host and business tycoon, Oprah Winfrey, announced she would end *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in late summer 2011. The news came as a shock to fans that have elevated her status to nothing short of an icon since the show's inception in 1986. Early speculation indicated she may start a new show on her own Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011. Her show currently draws about 7 million viewers a day.



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IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS

Iran's presidential election drew international attention when disputes over the winner sparked two weeks of protests. Reformist activists claimed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's landslide win was a fraudulent mishandling of the ballots. The protests resulted in 20 fatalities, numerous arrests and trials for nearly 100 demonstrators facing charges such as attacking government property, violence toward security forces and creating panic in public.



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SONIA SUPREME

With a vote of 68-31, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic person to become a Supreme Court Justice and just the third woman of all time. Sotomayor was appointed to the Supreme Court with 17 years of federal experience, having tried over 3,600 cases.

TOYOTA TROUBLES

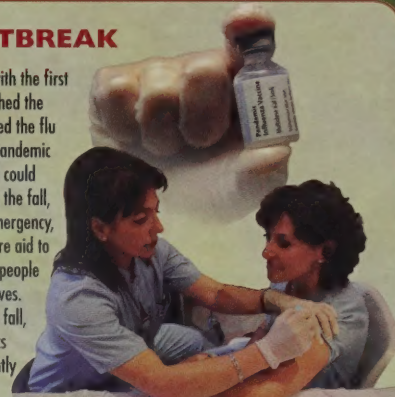
Automobile giant, Toyota, recalled eight of its models after learning of a problem with its acceleration mechanisms that caused some gas pedals to stick and vehicles to accelerate without warning. Though the company said the problem is "rare and infrequent" it decided to recall about 4.2 million vehicles worldwide and brought U.S. sales and production to a halt. The company tried to remedy the situation and ease the nerves of uncertain drivers by sending new parts to dealers to fix the faulty pedals.



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H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK

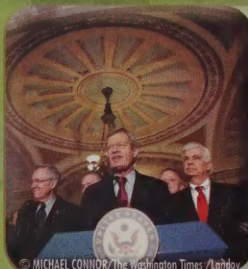
In the spring of 2009, H1N1 emerged with the first reported cases in Mexico. The virus reached the United States in April and officials worried the flu would spread rapidly, causing a global pandemic and fear that the unpredictable flu virus could mutate into a more dangerous strain. In the fall, President Obama declared a national emergency, enabling the government to provide more aid to the states. In the U.S. alone, millions of people were infected and thousands lost their lives. When a vaccine became available in the fall, thousands flooded phone lines and clinics around the country, as the demand greatly outnumbered the first supply.



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HEALTH CARE HURDLES

In groundbreaking sessions of Congress, both the House and Senate passed bills for health care reform after months of debate. The next step was to merge the nearly \$1 trillion proposed plans for a final vote. If passed, the bill would become the largest federal health care expansion in forty years since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid. The goal of the bill is to bring extended insurance coverage to an additional 30 million Americans.



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SURPRISE PRIZE

A surprise to many, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored President Barack Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, just eight months into his tenure. The committee explained it was Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" that brought his name to the top of the nominees list. Upon learning the news, the president remarked that he was humbled by the decision.



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ARES BLASTS OFF

Forty years after putting the first men on the moon, NASA is once again elevating its space program with the new Ares I-X Rocket. The streamline rocket's simpler design is cheaper and up to 10 times safer than its shuttle predecessors. Despite a successful first test in late October, officials say that the I-X may not carry astronauts until 2017.



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SHIFTING FRONTLINES

President Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan starting in early 2010, bringing the total U.S. presence to about 100,000 troops. The intended strategy was to combat the growing momentum of the Taliban in the region and to provide training for Afghan security forces. Plans to begin withdrawing troops were set for 2011.

DUBAI IN THE SKY

Marking a stunning architectural achievement, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened, becoming the tallest skyscraper in the world. The towering needle-shaped structure stretches nearly 2,700 feet into the air. The building has 160 stories which include apartments, office space and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani. The eye-catching main attraction of a new shopping district, the Burj Khalifa reportedly cost \$1.5 billion to build.



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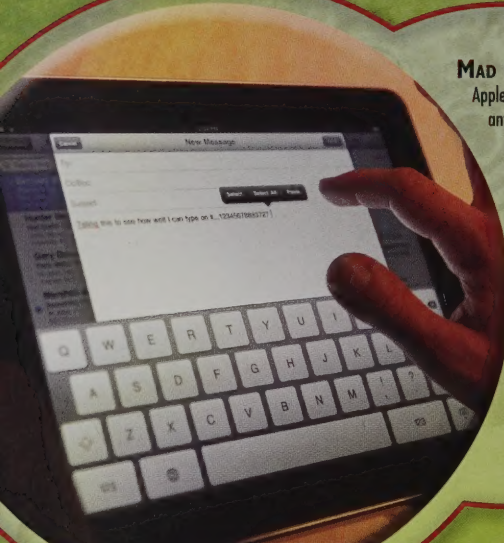


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FOUND 18 YEARS LATER

The discovery of Jaycee Dugard 18 years after her disappearance renewed hope for families of missing children. When Dugard was 11 years old she was abducted by Philip Garrido while walking to her school bus. Jaycee was held captive in Garrido's backyard. Both Garrido and his wife face multiple charges, including kidnapping and false imprisonment. Jaycee has since reunited with her family.

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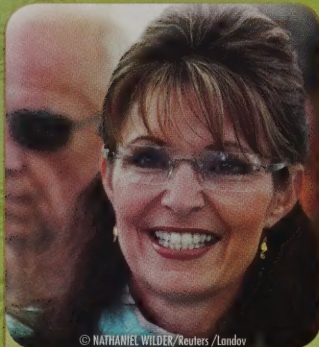
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MAD FOR iPad

Apple unveiled its highly anticipated iPad this year to mixed reviews. Many

Apple devotees were excited about the tablet with its nearly 10-inch touch screen and 3G connection, while others were skeptical about the name and data plan. As part of the iPad, Apple also released the iBook, an application that allows users to see books on a shelf, change fonts, and touch the screen to turn pages.

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PALIN RESIGNS

Alaskan Governor and 2008 Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin resigned from office, saying that Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell would "fight even harder" for Alaskans. Palin added that her decision was made to protect her family from further criticism and would also allow her to advocate for causes such as energy independence and national security. In January 2010, it was announced that Palin would join Fox News as a contributor.

BE MINE

Sweethearts®, the popular Valentine's Day treat, added a new phrase to its line of endearing candy love messages. Teaming up with the social-network, Twitter, the candy company started stamping "Tweet Me" on its heart-shaped candies. Sweethearts also plans to introduce a new iPhone app that would allow users to send electronic versions of the candy with personalized messages to friends' "Twitter" pages.



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ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOKS

College students caught a break this year — with free text books. Flat World Knowledge allowed 40,000 students at over 400 colleges and universities to access their course materials online, for free, saving students nearly \$3 million in the fall semester alone. With other options like print-on-demand and integrated audio and video, the company hopes to expand its offerings to other schools throughout the country.



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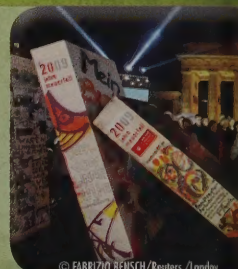
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GOODBYE GOOD MORNING AMERICA

In a teary farewell, Diane Sawyer said "goodbye" to *Good Morning America* and "hello" to ABC's *World News*. After more than 10 years on the weekday morning show, Sawyer replaced the retiring Charles Gibson as the anchor of the nightly news program. Sawyer's replacement was George Stephanopoulos, former President Clinton staff member and moderator of *This Week* on ABC.

FALL OF THE WALL REMEMBERED

Twenty years ago the Berlin Wall fell, marking the end of the Cold War and the divide between East and West Germany. To celebrate the anniversary, thousands of German citizens celebrated as 1,000 towers, all 8 feet tall, were toppled to symbolize the destruction of the dividing wall. The celebration was overseen by current German Chancellor Angela Merkel and former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who many hold responsible for reforming the former Soviet Union.



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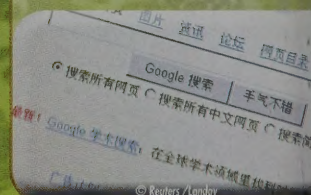
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FRIGHTENING FLIGHT

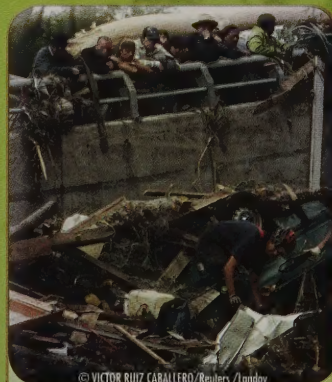
On Christmas Day 2009, a Nigerian man attempted to blow up a flight carrying nearly 300 passengers from Amsterdam to Detroit, Michigan. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab had a bomb sewn into his undergarments and tried unsuccessfully to detonate the devices as the plane made its final descent. Stringent security precautions were put into effect and President Obama ordered a thorough review of safety regulations. Al Qaeda later claimed responsibility for the terrorist act.

LINKING LANGUAGES

Historically, URLs have been constructed with Latin based characters like 1, 2, 3 and A, B, C. Now, after approval by the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Number (ICANN), domain names will appear with other characters from Arabic and Chinese languages. The chairman of ICANN, Peter Dengate Thrush said, "The coming introduction of non-Latin characters represents the biggest technical change to the internet since it was created four decades ago."



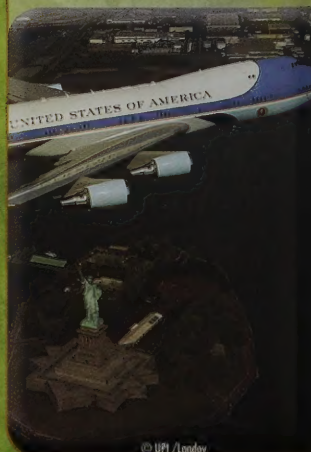
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NYC FLYOVER

Workers in Manhattan, New York were panicked as a Boeing 747 and an F-16 aircraft circled the Statue of Liberty, causing many to fear a repeat of the 9/11 attacks. It was later discovered that the planes were official government aircrafts conducting a photo shoot. The official who approved the fly-over later resigned.



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ON SHAKY GROUND

The South American country of Chile was the target of an 8.8-magnitude earthquake that destroyed many villages in its path. The next day the same south-central region of the country was struck again by a tsunami that created waves over 18 feet high. Approximately 800 people lost their lives and the destruction between the two natural disasters brought widespread shortages in food.

HOUSE PARTY CRASHED

Virginia couple Tareq and Michaela Salahi, crashed the first state dinner held by the Obama's. Passing two security check-points, the couple mingled with Vice President Joe Biden and Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel before exiting two hours later. The breach of security caused a full investigation by the Secret Service. Months later, speculation turned to White House social secretary Desiree Rogers who was criticized for not keeping a checklist of attendees as they entered the event. Rogers later resigned.



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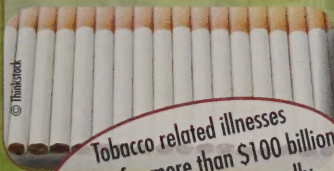
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GOOGLE CHINA

After a sophisticated cyber attack rooted in China, Google announced it would no longer censor search results on Google.cn, the Chinese version of the popular search engine. The Chinese government requires censorship of search results and websites to prevent security and state secrets from being jeopardized. China has the largest population of internet users in the world.

FDA TAKES ON TOBACCO

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act gave the FDA more power to control the tobacco industry. Under the new legislation, tobacco companies were no longer allowed to use words like "mild" or "low-tar" and were also prohibited from selling candy or fruit flavored cigarettes.



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Tobacco related illnesses account for more than \$100 billion in health care costs annually.

LATE NIGHT SHUFFLE

After 17 years, *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno passed the torch to fellow NBC late-night personality, Conan O'Brien — but not for long. The *Tonight Show* lost millions of viewers and Leno's new self-titled primetime show was deemed a flop. Just seven months after giving O'Brien *The Tonight Show*, NBC reversed course, returning Leno to his former seat. As part of the deal, NBC agreed to pay Conan \$33 million, with \$12 million going to his staff in severance. O'Brien hosted his last show on January 22nd, while Leno returned to *The Tonight Show* on March 1st.



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AIR FRANCE

An Air France Airbus Flight AF 447 flying from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Paris, France crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. None of the 228 people on board survived. Despite initial reports, the plane hit the water vertically, instead of breaking apart in mid-air. The crash was the worst in Air France's 75-year history.



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My Headlines

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DANGERS OF FAST FOOD

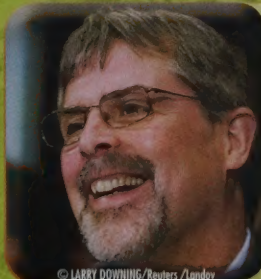
For two years, John Manley, a 50-year-old North Carolina man, complained of severe coughing, pneumonia, and vomiting. When doctors used a tiny camera to investigate his lungs they were shocked to find the cause — a piece of plastic. The plastic was removed and traced back to a spoon from fast-food chain Wendy's after doctors recognized the eatery's logo.

THE NEXT AMERICAN IDOL JUDGE

After eight seasons, *American Idol* judge Paula Abdul left the show. Emmy award-winning talk show host and comedian Ellen DeGeneres filled the seat and began judging duties when the show returned for its ninth season. Shortly after the show's return another *Idol* judge, Simon Cowell announced his intended split at the end of the season. It was reported that Cowell planned to develop a new talent show series based on the popular U.K. series, *The X Factor*.



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PIRATES HOLD CAPTAIN CAPTIVE

After five days of being held hostage on the dangerous seas off the coast of Somalia, Captain Richard Phillips was rescued from his pirate capturers. In a tired moment, the pirates let down their guards long enough for U.S. Navy SEAL marksmen to take their shots, ending the lives of all three pirates. Days earlier, Phillips offered himself as a captive to the pirates in order to prevent them from seizing his vessel, the Maersk Alabama, ultimately protecting his fellow crewmen.

Science & Discoveries

AERODYNAMIC SEEDS

"Helicopter seeds," the seeds from maple trees, have provided hours of fun for children but researchers were stumped as to what made the seeds hover. A team of Dutch and American scientists discovered the answer. When a maple seed swirls, a tornado-like vortex lowers the air pressure around the seed, sucking the wings upward to oppose gravity—insects, bats, and hummingbirds employ the same technique.



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IN HOT WATER

Ocean temperatures around the world measured 1 degree higher than normal between June and August, averaging 62.5°F, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. August saw the warmest temps on record since 1880, when record keeping began. Though climate change is listed as a factor, meteorologists say the warming is also due in part to a natural El Niño system. Ocean heat puts coral reefs in harm's way and also contributes to melting Arctic sea ice and hurricane strength.



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A FARMER'S FRIEND

Even plants have joined in the text-messaging craze. Through SmartCrop™ infrared thermometers planted in soil, plants can "tell" farmers when they are hot or thirsty. Most crops have an ideal temperature for growth and these thermometers allow farmers to be notified by text message if a plant has risen above the ideal temp.



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GROWTH SPURT

The Bristlecone pine is the world's longest-lived tree, sustaining ages up to 4,800 years. Recently, researchers found that these ancient trees are growing at a much faster rate than ever before as evident by its widening rings. The growth is presumably due to the increase in temperature in their high-altitude climate over the past 50 years.



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SOLAR ENERGY MAKEOVER

Developers have found two ways to make solar power panels more appealing to the average homeowner. First, underground panels use fiber optic cables to capture and distribute sun energy, instead of heavy panels. The second option is to incorporate shingle-like solar panels that have a thin copper film covering to absorb light energy into the roof. The Powerhouse™ Solar Shingle is expected to be less expensive and easier to install than full-size panels.



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POO POWER PAYOFF

In response to rising energy costs year-after-year, Shawn Saylor turned to an unlikely renewable source to power his family's dairy farm. Using the manure from 600 cows, Saylor used a process known as anaerobic digestion to generate energy. Saylor explained that this method produces a savings of about \$200,000 per year with the ability to sell left over energy back to the power company.



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TINY T-REX

History's fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex may have had miniature ancestors. A newly discovered ancient creature known as "Raptorex" closely resembles its massive relative, at only a fraction of the size. Experts report it may have weighed only 150 pounds compared to T-Rex's 13,000 pounds. Raptorex would have existed 60 million years before T-Rex, and despite its size, would have touted an extremely powerful bite.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Scientists from the University of California and the Carnegie Institution have discovered a way to create sustainable energy—through kites. High-altitude winds contain a vast amount of energy. By releasing kite-like wind turbines miles above the planet and tethering them to the ground, researchers believe they could create enough energy to supply electricity worldwide.



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COOLING SUN

Scientists have discovered that the sun is at its dimmest in over 100 years. Typically, the sun undergoes 11-year cycles, culminating in the expulsion of solar flares and planet-sized debris. After 2008 the sun was expected to become increasingly hotter, but instead it was at a 50-year low for solar pressure and a 100-year low for sunspot activity. Although dimming of the sun has resulted in decreased temperatures in the past, the onset of global warming has likely counteracted this phenomenon.



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COLOSSAL SEA MONSTER

The fossilized skull of an ancient sea monster called a plesiosaur was discovered along the Jurassic Coast of England. The skull—dating back 150 million years—measured nearly eight feet. Scientists believe the creature's full size was up to 52 feet long, making it the biggest plesiosaur ever found. The dangerous sea predator could have eaten a T-Rex for breakfast!

CARBON CAPTURE

Professor Klaus Lackner of Columbia University has created a "synthetic tree" able to capture destructive carbon dioxide 1,000 times better than real trees. When the wind blows through the "leaves", carbon is trapped and converted to a liquid form. One unit could remove up to a ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere a day—the equivalent of 20 cars.



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ROBOTS CAN SWIM!

Mechanical engineers Kamal Youcef-Toumi and Pablo Valdivia Y Alvarado of MIT designed robotic fish that can swim and maneuver just like real fish. They hope to one day use the robots to help patrol bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, looking for pollutants and inspecting underwater structures.



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NOW THAT'S A RING

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope discovered the largest ring around the planet Saturn. The never-before-seen ring is so colossal that NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory estimates that it would take 1 billion earth-sized planets to fill it. Composed of dust and ice particles, the ring's temperature is approximately -316°F.



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SUPER NATURAL GLUE

The asparagus beetle attaches its eggs using what is said to be some of the strongest natural glue in the world. A study discovered the almost invisible eggs require a pull-off force of "8,650 times higher than the egg weight." It's not unusual for an insect to produce egg glue and this research could lead to the discovery of other natural bonding agents.

H₂O ON THE MOON

For the first time, water was discovered on the moon's surface. NASA announced its significant find after reviewing data from an intentional satellite crash it conducted in search of water. The data also revealed there were more than just droplets but rather "a dozen, two-gallon bucketfuls." Experts said the discovery will open the door to other space exploration opportunities, including the potential for a sustainable lunar space station.



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My Discoveries

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE
DISCOVERIES OF THE YEAR?

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PUPPIES?

Scientists in South Korea cloned a genetically engineered litter of pups, enabling them to glow red under ultraviolet light. The intention of the experiment was to prove that if fluorescent protein can be created though the modification of genetic code, there may be a way to fix genetic flaws in humans by similar innovations in genetic coding.



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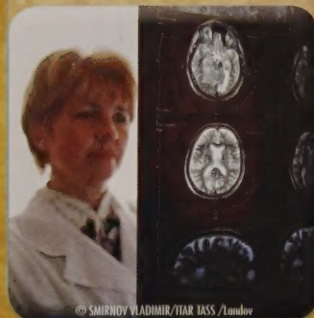
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AUTISM BRAIN DISCOVERY

To learn more about the causes of autism, researchers conducted a study of MRI brain scans of 50 toddlers. Preliminary findings showed that on average, an area in the brain called the amygdala is 13% larger in young children with autism. It is believed that these children are born with normal-sized brains but later in the first year the area begins to grow larger. Autism is a developmental condition affecting as many as 1 in 150 children.

MIGHTY MICE

In a scientific breakthrough, two labs in China bred the first induced pluripotent stem cell (iPS) mice, meaning they were the first of their kind developed from adult stem cells, instead of the more controversial embryonic cells. Scientists reprogrammed the cells back to an embryonic state where they could again develop into actual mice. This discovery is strong evidence that iPS cells have the potential to be used for treating disease.



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Tech Topics

Awarded Educational Toy of the Year at the 2009 Australian Toy Hobby and Nursery Fair.



WHAT'S THE WORD?

Social networking giant Facebook grew to more than 250 million users in 2009 and was valued at about \$15 billion. With that many users it's no wonder the site has become a part of our daily language. This trend became even more evident when New Oxford American Dictionary and the American Dialect Society announced their "Word(s) of the Year". "Unfriend" was the first internet-inspired word to take the Oxford title while the American Dialect Society announced "Tweet" as its top word for the year and "Google" as "Word of the Decade".

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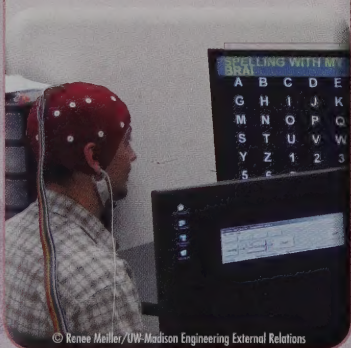
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SEEING EYEBORG

Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence has lived with permanent damage to his right eye since the age of 11. In his efforts to regain vision, Rob partnered with a camera provider in an attempt to replace his eye with a wireless, battery-powered video camera for what is being called the "EyeBorg" Project.

TWITTER ON THE MIND

Millions share their thoughts, opinions and updates every day (or hour) using Twitter. But University of Wisconsin doctoral student Adam Wilson's research revealed a new use—establishing a form of communication for those with extensive paralysis. Wearing an electrode-covered cap, Wilson focused his attention on flashing letters on a computer screen while his brain activity was monitored to figure out which letter he wanted. In the end he was able to tweet 23 characters with his mind.



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CYBORG BEETLES

Ripped from the pages of science fiction comes the government-funded cyborg beetle. Development began on a project that has scientists implanting miniature electrodes into beetles to enable them to control the insects' every move via remote control. Though still in testing, the high-tech critters could one day be used as military spies.



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DARTH VADER ARM

The Darth Vader robotic arm, the latest and greatest in Star Wars related toys and collectibles, is easy to assemble with 45 pieces that snap together. Though just a toy, this robotic limb has the power to grip, turn, extend and hold objects.

THE BLADELESS FAN

It's been 127 years since the standard electric fan was introduced and people have been pretty satisfied. Now, the Dyson company, well known for its innovative vacuum cleaners, introduced the first bladeless fan. The Air Multiplier pulls air through its base, which is then pushed through a hidden vent into the circular head of the fan to create an uninterrupted breeze.



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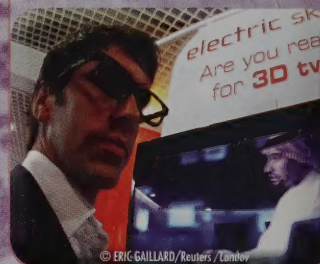
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DISPOSABLE TIMING CHIPS

After years of clunky timing devices and expensive lost chip fees, runners will benefit from disposable timing technology. Using radio frequency identification (RFID), race organizers can put an integrated tag on race bib numbers to accurately record time during competition. The cost effective design also allows runners to simply throw away the chip after racing.

3-D TV

Riding a wave of popularity since the release of hit movies like *Up* and *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 3-D is coming to television. Manufacturers such as Sony, Panasonic, Mitsubishi, and JVC all reported working on 3-D televisions. In the future, viewers will have the option of watching programs in 3-D, utilizing special glasses to see the third dimension.



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BEATLES ROCK AGAIN

The Beatles rocked the music industry, re-releasing their famed anthology and launching their first ever video game. Decades after their last album was recorded, all 12 of The Beatles' studio albums were re-released in a new digitally re-mastered format. *The Beatles: Rock Band*, an experiential video game, features 45 of their hits and offers players an option to relive music history by playing through the tracks chronologically.



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ENERGY SAVING LIGHT

Philips Electronics introduced a new energy-efficient LED light bulb that uses just 10 watts (compared to 60 watts of the standard bulb) and generates the same amount of energy but lasts 25 times longer as its counterpart. The bulb may save as much electricity as is needed for 17.4 million households in a given year. Philips Electronics LED bulb was entered into the U.S. Department of Energy's L Prize competition and if it takes the prize, the company could be awarded \$10 million in cash and federal contracts.

SMART THERMOSTAT

EnergyHub™ Dashboard was introduced addressing both the environmental and recession-minded concerns of today. The device wirelessly tracks your appliances and informs you of how much energy you are using. It also tells you how much your usage costs so you can make adjustments, conserve energy and pocket the savings.



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TETRIS TURNS 25

With an undeniable place in video game history, the popular puzzle game *Tetris* turned 25. A series of new features for a new generation were announced, such as *Tetris Acorn Drop*, a concept taken from the movie *Ice Age*.



In its lifetime, Tetris has been purchased or downloaded more than 125 million times.

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REALITY GAMING

Video games got a dose of reality by taking their inspiration from the news. Games like *Hero on the Hudson*, *Swinefighter* and *Trillion Dollar Bailout* allowed users to be a part of the headline-making stories. The two-dimensional games, mostly developed for internet or cell phones, were simple, allowing creators to release them quickly after the actual events took place.



WALK THIS WAY

Before iPods became the "it" way to listen to music on the go, there was the Sony Walkman. Once the leader in music technology, the audio cassette player and radio turned 30 this year. The grandfather of personal music devices allowed users to take their favorite tunes anywhere, ultimately paving the way for the Discman, the MP3 player and the iPod.

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My Technology

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE GADGETS OF THE YEAR?

SMART PHONES GET SMARTER

The smartphone continued its rise in popularity as on-the-go technology evolved. From the popular BlackBerry® series to the iPhone, smartphones offered everyone from business professionals and techies to senior citizens and even children hand-held access to the internet and continuous connectivity to the world. Additionally, 2009 was deemed "the year of the app" by many, with available applications surpassing 100,000 (and over 1 billion downloads) that can do just about anything imaginable—from efficient and practical to simple and fun.



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THE NEW FACE OF HOLLYWOOD

Legendary filmmaker James Cameron reshaped the movie industry by helping develop the advanced camera technology used in his blockbuster hit *Avatar*. Cameron helped pioneer a lightweight, two-lens camera that can shoot dynamic live action footage in 3-D and a head-rig camera that accurately records facial expressions. The result is a stunningly realistic, digitally created movie that captures even the most obscure details on an actor's face. The computer generated characters, like those on *Avatar*'s fictional planet of Pandora, appear more realistic than ever before.



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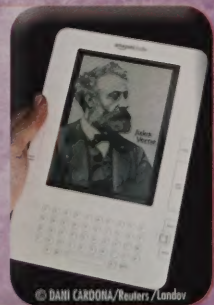
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DIRTY WORK

A DustCart robot, reminiscent of Disney's *WALL-E*, recently took to the streets of Italy. The robot, which will be tested in cities around the world, responds to residents who place their trash and recyclables on the curb and call for pick up. It fills up its belly with unwanted waste, much the same as the traditional dump truck. Though not as efficient as a fleet of trucks, the DustCart monitors air pollutants and is much quieter, running on lithium ion batteries.

E-Book It!

The Amazon Kindle wireless e-book reader has been growing in popularity since its introduction nearly three years ago. During the holiday season, the mobile reading device boasted record performance becoming the most gifted item in Amazon's history selling more e-books than physical books for the first time ever. Proving a growing trend, Barnes and Noble, Inc. introduced its own electronic reader, nook™ which took the number two spot on *TIME Magazine's* Top Gadgets of 2009.

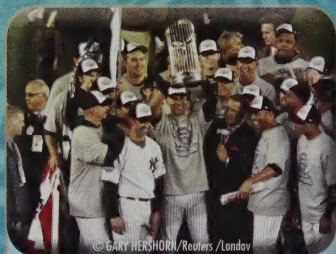


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Scoreboard

PURSUIT OF THE CUP

In a precursor to the World Cup next year, Brazil won the FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup held in South Africa. The Brazilians bounced back from a two-goal deficit late in the game to dramatically beat the U.S. It was the third tournament championship for Brazil and the 14th win of 15 games against the U.S.



YANKEES WIN 27TH TITLE

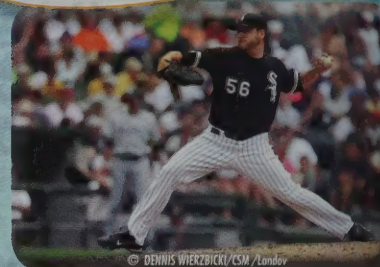
The New York Yankees defeated the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series. The win marks the 27th World Series title for the Yankees, the most titles in all of sports, and the first win in their \$1.5 billion new stadium. Hideki Matsui was named series MVP with a record-setting six RBIs in game six, while Andy Pettitte became the pitcher with the most wins in the post-season, claiming his 18th victory.



BUEHRLE PITCHES PERFECT

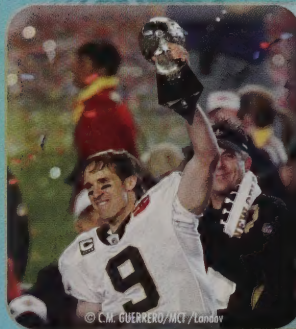
Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed a gem of a game on July 23rd to become only the 18th player in history to pitch a perfect game. The feat came two seasons after he threw a no-hitter, which makes him just the 26th player to throw multiple no-hitters in his career.

Mark Buehrle is the only active pitcher with two career no-hitters.



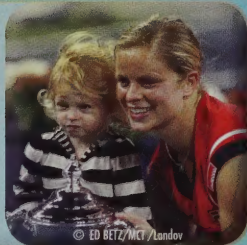
SAINTS GO MARCHING

For the first time in its 43-year franchise history and its first appearance at the big game, the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl beating out the Indianapolis Colts. With a stunning defensive performance and unstoppable offensive drive that dominated three quarters, the Saints claimed its 31-17 victory. Later, team quarterback Drew Brees was honored as Most Valuable Player having tied the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, finishing with 32 completions out of 39 passes for 288 yards.



CHAMPION MOM

Kim Clijsters rejoined the world of tennis in grand fashion. After retiring from the sport in 2007 to start a family, Clijsters returned to win the US Open. By defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the finals, the Belgian tennis pro became the first unseeded woman ever to win the 2009 US Open; and the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980.



LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

In a suspenseful final game, California clinched the 5th straight Little League World Series title for the U.S. Fans, including Vice President Joe Biden, watched and cheered as the team fought their way back from a three-run deficit to defeat Taiwan 6-3. After the game, the team celebrated its win with class, inviting the Taiwan team to join them in their victory lap.



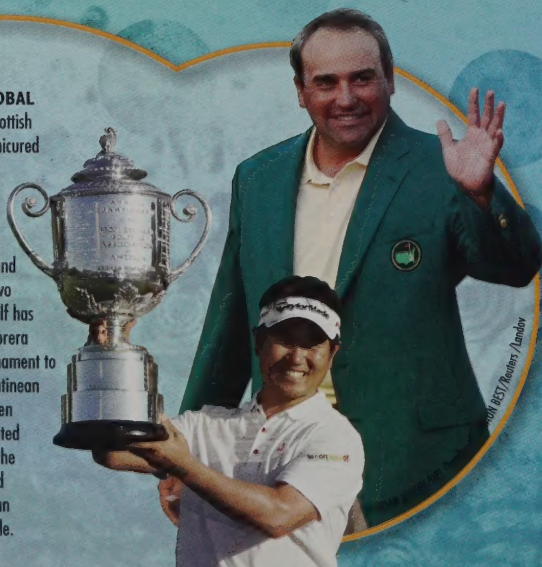
VICTOR-JI!

Eun-Hee Ji, from Korea, won the US Women's Open. Going into the final round, Ji trailed American Cristie Kerr by two shots. With a double-bogey on the 10th hole, Ji's chance at victory looked slim. Kerr, however, had a disappointing final round, allowing Ji to come from behind, sinking a final 20-foot putt for the win.



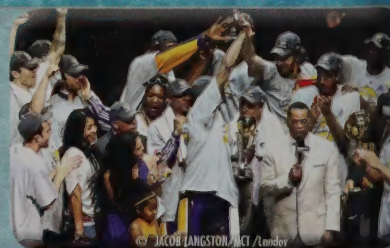
GOLF GOES GLOBAL

From its birth in the Scottish countryside to the manicured greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, golf traditionally has been played by Europeans and Americans. In 2009, two players proved that golf has gone global. Angel Cabrera won The Masters Tournament to become the first Argentinean to wear the prized green jacket. Y.E. Yang defeated Tiger Woods, winning the PGA Championship and becoming the first Asian man to win a major title.



WELCOME, WPS

This year marked the inaugural season for the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. The league consisted of seven teams scattered across the U.S. with two more teams set to join the league in the future. With a score of 1-0, the Sky Blue FC team from New York and New Jersey defeated the Los Angeles Sol to claim the first ever WPS Championship.



This was the Laker's 15th championship title.

LAKERS OUT TRICK MAGIC

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game five of the NBA finals. Four-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant was the standout star of the series, leading his team to victory and claiming the title of Most Valuable Player.

MERCURY RISING

The Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever to win the WNBA championship. Fueled by stars Diana Taurasi and Cappie Pondexter, the Mercury prevailed in game five to take the title. Taurasi was honored with the series MVP award.



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WINTER X GAMES

Snowboarding star Shaun White proved his resilience and talent at the annual Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. After taking a spill face-first on the halfpipe while practicing his newest and most dangerous stunt, White returned to take first in the Snowboard SuperPipe competition for the third straight year. White wasn't the only repeat winner—Ophelie David took home her fourth consecutive Women's Skier X title.



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FANTASTIC FEDERER

Roger Federer cemented his place in tennis history by breaking the record for most major title wins. By winning the French Open, the Swiss tennis star tied Pete Sampras' historic record of 14 titles, while also completing his career Grand Slam. Federer went on to win Wimbledon for the sixth time, giving him his 15th major title. Sampras praised Federer by saying he was the greatest player ever.



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PENGUINS WIN STANLEY CUP

The Pittsburgh Penguins triumphed over defending champions, the Detroit Red Wings, in a nail-biting game seven of the Stanley Cup. Thanks to Penguin team member Max Talbot's two goals in the second period, the Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win game seven on the opposing team's home ice.



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My Sports

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR?

2010 WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

Many historic and memorable moments were witnessed over the 17 days of the 2010 Winter Olympics, held in Vancouver, Canada.

- In a highly-anticipated showdown between the U.S. and Canadian hockey teams, the home team claimed the gold medal in overtime, becoming the first host nation in 30 years to win a men's gold medal in hockey.
- Reigning women's figure skating world champion, Kim Yu-Na of South Korea delivered stunning performances that brought her gold and put her 23 points ahead of silver medalist Mao Asada of Japan. Taking the bronze was Canada's Joannie Rochette whose mother unexpectedly passed away just two days before the competition began.
- U.S. speed-skating star Apolo Ohno became the most decorated winter Olympian of all time with a career total of eight medals, winning three in Vancouver—two silver and one bronze.

Medal Count

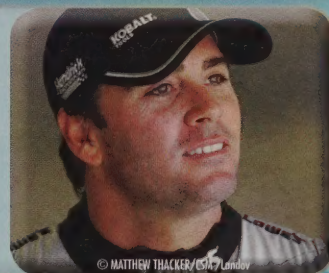
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	9	15	13
Germany	10	13	7
Canada	14	7	5



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NASCAR CHAMP

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive Sprint Cup series titles, breaking the tie he previously held with Carl Yarborough. By finishing fifth in the final race of the season, Johnson earned enough points to secure the title. With 6,652 points on the year, Johnson beat out his next closest opponent by 141 points.



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HORSE PLAY

In front of a crowd of over 150,000 onlookers, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky Derby. The 50-1 long shot defied the odds to take the title, returning \$103.20 on a \$2 bet. Mine That Bird appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* the following week.



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BOLT STRIKES AGAIN

Deemed the "fastest man alive" during the 2008 Olympics, Jamaica's Usain Bolt continued to amaze at the World Championships. Not only did Bolt break his own world record in the 100-meter in a stunning 9.58 seconds, he went on to set a new record of 19.19 seconds for the 200-meter.



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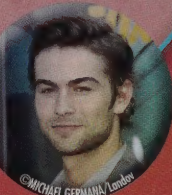
Chart Toppers

Swift is the youngest winner of the Entertainer of the Year award.



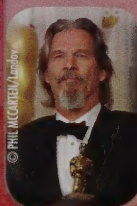
TWILIGHT SHINES BRIGHT

Now in its 10th year, the Teen Choice Awards recognized achievements in movies, television, music and more. Among the winners of the coveted surfboard trophies was *Twilight*, winning 11 out of 12 nominations, including Choice Movie Drama. The movie's stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart also picked up top acting awards. In television, Chace Crawford and Leighton Meester won Choice Acting praise for their roles in the Choice TV Drama *Gossip Girl*. Jason Mraz and Taylor Swift both received Choice Music Artist awards.



OSCAR'S BIG NIGHT

Hollywood's biggest night belonged to a lesser-known movie titled *The Hurt Locker* which picked up six awards in all, including top nods for Best Director, Kathryn Bigelow and Best Picture. Bigelow was also the first woman to win the Best Directing award. In the acting categories, Sandra Bullock was honored as Best Actress for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges was named Best Actor for his part in *Crazy Heart*.



MICHAEL MAKES HISTORY

The American Music Awards were a night filled with emotion and history making. Adding four awards to his resume (accepted by brother Jermaine, pictured above), Michael Jackson became the most awarded artist in AMA history. Jackson won Favorite Male Artist in both the Pop-Rock and Soul-R&B genres, while his *Number Ones* album took home the top spot in both categories as well. Taylor Swift was also a big winner, taking home five awards in total, including the top honor, Artist of the Year.



SWIFT STEALS THE SHOW

The night belonged to Taylor Swift, 19, as she won all four Country Music Awards for which she was nominated. The singer won Album of the Year for *Fearless*, Video of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year, beating out favorite Carrie Underwood. In her most impressive victory, Swift took home the trophy for Entertainer of the Year, making her the first female to win since 1999. Other winners included Darius Rucker for New Artist of the Year and Lady Antebellum for Vocal Group of the Year.



BEYONCÉ'S GRAMMY RECORD

There's no doubt the night belonged to Beyoncé, who was nominated in 10 categories and won a female artist record of six trophies including Song Of The Year, Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best Contemporary R&B Album. Taylor Swift was a close second with four wins including Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Best Country Song, Best Country Album and Album of the Year for *Fearless*. Among the nights most memorable moments was the appearance of Michael Jackson's kids, who accepted the Lifetime Achievement award on their father's behalf.

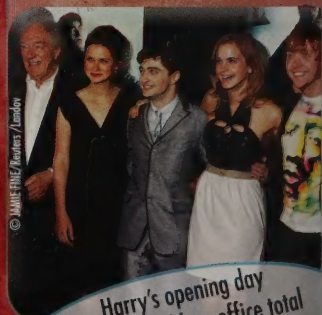
EMMY AWARDS

Despite repeat winners, the 61st Emmy Awards still had some surprises. *30 Rock* took home the statue for Outstanding Comedy Series for the third straight year, while *Mad Men* repeated as winner of Outstanding Drama Series. *The Amazing Race* won for Best Reality Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Unexpected winners included Kristen Chenoweth for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the cancelled *Pushing Daisies* and Jon Cryer won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for *Two and a Half Men*.



MOONMAN MADNESS

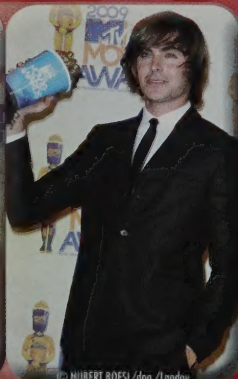
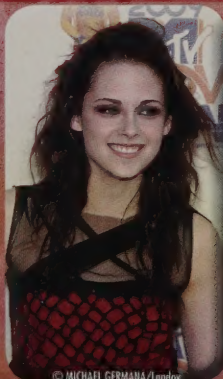
The stars turned out for the Video Music Awards and the night was full of memorable moments. Janet Jackson paid tribute to her brother Michael with a moving performance to open the show. Later, in a controversial move, Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video. Despite the distractions, Moonmen were still awarded. Beyoncé took home the prize for Video of the Year, Lady Gaga was named Best New Artist, and Green Day won Best Rock Video.



Harry's opening day international box-office total reached \$104 million.

MTV MOVIE AWARDS

Teens ruled the big screen this year at the MTV Movie Awards. Kristen Stewart won Best Female Performance for her role in *Twilight*, while Zac Efron won Best Male Performance for his musical performance in *High School Musical 3*. The hit vampire love story *Twilight* won top honors as Best Movie.



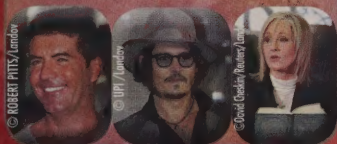
HIGH SCHOOL COOL

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards kicked off with its traditional hijinks when host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson zip-lined over the audience in a stunning entrance. The evening's top honors went to *High School Musical 3* for Favorite Movie and its star Vanessa Hudgens won Favorite Movie Actress. Miley Cyrus won for Favorite Female Singer and *Twilight* was named Favorite Book.



DECADE DARLINGS

In celebration of a new decade, *Entertainment Weekly* published their list of top entertainers of the 2000s. Rounding out the top five were actor Johnny Depp noted for his work in *Pirates of the Caribbean*; 10-time Grammy winner Beyoncé; *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling; *American Idol* judge and entertainment mogul Simon Cowell and Emmy award-winning writer/actress Tina Fey.



JUNO AWARDS

Nickelback, nominated five times, took home three Junos for Group of the Year, Album of the Year, and the Fan Choice Award. Hip-hop artist Kardinal Offishall earned Best Rap Recording, while Alanis Morissette won Best Pop Album. This year marked the 38th anniversary of the Canadian-based awards.



B.E.T AWARDS

The top stars of 2009 were out at the annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Winners included Beyoncé for Best Female R&B Artist and Best Music Video for *Single Ladies*; Ne-yo won for Best Male R&B Artist; and MTV reality stars, Day 26 took home Best Group. Other wins included Best Actor, Will Smith; Best Actress, Taraji P. Henson; Best Male Athlete, LeBron James and Best Female Athlete, Serena Williams.

My Awards

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE AWARD SHOW MOMENTS OF THE YEAR?

TOP 5 IN '09

SONGS

1. *Boom Boom Pow* - Black Eyed Peas
2. *Poker Face* - Lady Gaga
3. *Just Dance* - Lady Gaga Featuring Colby O'Donis
4. *I Gotta Feeling* - Black Eyed Peas
5. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift
(According to Billboard Hot 100)

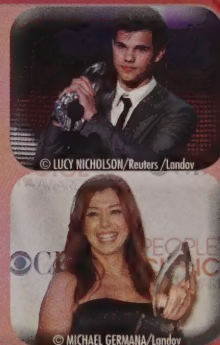
MOVIES

1. *Avatar* - \$445,768,203
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* - \$402,111,870
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - \$301,959,197
4. *Up* - \$293,004,164
5. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* - \$291,149,228
(According to Box Office Mojo)



PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN

Fan favorites in film, television and music were awarded at the 36th annual People's Choice Awards. *Twilight* continued its triumphant award streak, picking up four awards including Favorite Movie, Favorite Franchise, Favorite On-Screen Team (awarded to Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart), as well as Favorite Breakout Movie Actor for Taylor Lautner. Johnny Depp was also honored with the Favorite Movie Actor for the Decade award for his film achievements over the past 10 years. Favorite TV Comedy Actor/Actress awards went to Steve Carell for *The Office* and Alyson Hannigan for *How I Met Your Mother*. Favorite Male/Female Artists went to Keith Urban and Taylor Swift respectively.



ALMA AWARDS

Held during National Hispanic Heritage Month in September, the ALMA Awards handed out accolades to Latinos in the entertainment industry. Winners included Selena Gomez for Comedy Actress and David Archuleta for New Artist. Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez hosted this year's festivities.



AVATAR STRIKES GOLD

The 67th annual Golden Globe awards' top honors for Best Motion Picture - Drama went to the blockbuster hit *Avatar* while director James Cameron also won for Best Director. Top movie acting nods went to Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges for *Crazy Heart*. In the television categories it was *Mad Men* that took home the trophy for Best Television Series - Drama while *Glee* was presented with Best Television Series - Comedy or Musical.



LATIN GRAMMY AWARDS

The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards belonged to Calle 3. The hip-hop/alternative-reggae duo walked away with all five trophies they were nominated for including Record of the Year and Album of the Year, Best Urban Music Album, Best Alternative Song, and Best Short Form Music Video. Alternative rock also won big with Café Tacvba, Jaguares and Caetano Veloso receiving two awards each.



Say What?!

The odds of winning the lottery twice are nearly 1 in 50 trillion.

CUPCAKE FOR THE CURE

The world's largest cupcake record was crushed eight times over by a mammoth 1,224-pound triple vanilla cupcake containing an estimated 2 million calories. The pastry took over 12 hours to bake and included 800 eggs and 200 pounds each of sugar and flour. The cupcake was served to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization.



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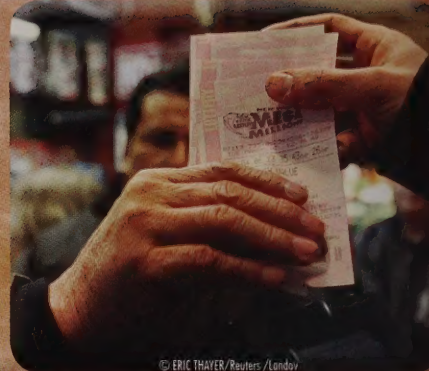
SKINNY SCARE

Despite being a popular fashion trend for years, skinny jeans could be causing nerve damage. Doctors reported seeing an increase of young women complaining of tingling or numbness in the upper legs, supposedly caused by the trendy pants. Diagnosed as a form of nerve damage, meralgia paresthetica is usually not permanent and the effects can be reversed by trading in the tight fitting jeans for a looser alternative.

DAILY DOUBLE

Sean Sanders, an unemployed mortgage worker played the odds and won ... twice!

After winning \$1,400 in the California Lottery, he checked his Mega Millions lottery ticket and realized he'd won an additional \$141,519. Sanders reported that he plans to pay off his bills and invest what remains.



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WHATEVER!

In a survey conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, "whatever" was found to be the most annoying word in America. With 47% of the vote, the popular word of disinterest beat out other phrases like "you know," "it is what it is," and "at the end of the day." "Whatever" gained popularity in the 1990s after its use as valley-girl slang in movies like *Clueless*.



BOY HIT BY METEORITE

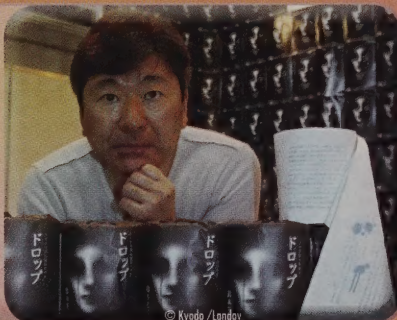
A 14 year old from Germany lived to tell his story after being struck by a meteorite traveling 30,000 mph. Explained as a massive fireball, the meteorite struck the boy's hand before hitting the ground. Though not seriously injured, the impact sent the child flying and left a three-inch scar on the boy's hand and a foot-long crater in the ground.



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TERRIFYING TOILET TALES

Japanese author Koji Suzuki, famous for horror stories like the one that inspired Hollywood movie, *The Ring*, created a story to be printed on rolls of toilet paper. The nine-chapter story is set in a public restroom and can be read in just a few minutes. At approximately three feet long, each roll contains several copies, each can be read in one sitting.



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SNUGGIE CHIC

Perhaps not the most anticipated show of New York's exclusive Fashion Week but probably the most unique was for the Snuggie™. Shown to only 20 people in a hotel room, the popular blanket with arms unveiled its new collection in basic colors, as well as bold new animal prints and a Snuggie for dogs.

FASTEST TEXTER

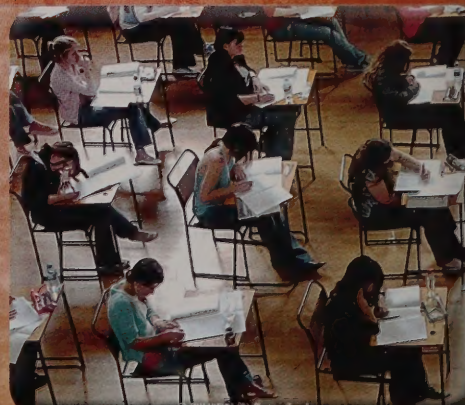
Kate Moore, 15, amazed onlookers as she won the title of National Texting Champion, beating out more than 250,000 participants to win the grand prize of \$50,000. Moore, who averages 14,000 texts a month, completed the winning phrase "Zippity Doo Dahh Zippity Ayy ... My oh MY, what a Wonderful day! Plenty of sunshine Comin' my way ... ZippityDooDahhZippityAay! Wonderful feeling, Wonderful day!" with no errors in less than 60 seconds.



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ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Willa Chen, 17, accomplished what all college-bound teens consider impossible — acing the PSAT, SAT, and ACT college admissions tests. According to Chen, who is a senior, she did not study much for the tests but enjoys learning and plans to attend Princeton University after high school.



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CAT EARNS DIPLOMA

Oreo has always been a smart cat but did she really earn a diploma? Better Business Bureau Georgia president and CEO, Kelvin Collins, enrolled his cat Oreo into Jefferson High School Online as part of an investigation into online diploma mills. After a test and \$200 fee, Oreo was the proud recipient of her high school diploma, though Collins admits he may have helped her answer the questions.



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COVER YOUR EARS!

Competition reached a fever pitch at Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum where contestants from around the world competed for the title of loudest scream. The winner, Russian Sergey Savelyev rang in at 116.8 decibels, just falling short of the Guinness World Record. Though he was "only getting warmed up," his winning shriek was roughly as loud as an ambulance siren.



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LITTLE FASHIONISTA

While most 13 year olds are consumed by algebra, Tavi Gevinson had a different focus—high fashion. The teenager from the suburbs of Chicago shot to fame when her blog, Style Rookie, was discovered by two big name designers. Soon she was seated in the exclusive front row at several New York Fashion Week shows, impressing the industry with her poise and sharp eye.



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My Whatever

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR OTHER FAVORITE STORIES OF THE YEAR?

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE

Japanese engineer Takuo Toda captured the Guinness World Record for longest flight by a paper airplane. The plane, measuring 10 cm long and crafted from a regular sheet of folded paper stayed in the air for an astonishing 27.9 seconds. Toda now has his eyes on an even greater prize—launching a paper airplane from space!



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LOOKING GOOD!

No ordinary doll, Barbie has held over 108 jobs including three runs at the presidency. This year the iconic children's toy celebrated her 50th birthday ... and looks better than ever! Since her introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide with no signs of stopping—100 million dolls were sold in the past year alone.



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Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs each year. That's nearly 70 hot dogs per person!



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HOT DOG ACE

After eating an astonishing 68 hot dogs in 10 minutes, Joey Chestnut retained his title in the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York. Chestnut edged out long-time rival Takeru Kobayashi by three and a half franks to take the title for the third straight year.

YES CAPTAIN!

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a consumer claiming to have been deceived by the cereal, Cap'n Crunch. After learning that Crunchberries were not real fruit and indeed sugar, the consumer sued, seeking damages for false nutritional messaging.



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LOST AND FOUND

Sixty-three years after losing his wallet at a high school basketball game, Bill Fulton received a surprising knock on the door. Remarkably, his wallet, which still included his social security card, was returned after being recovered during the gym's renovation. Having sent his children through the same school, it's likely Bill came within feet of the missing wallet several times since its 1946 disappearance.



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Zoom

Real Or Fake?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! DETERMINE IF THESE STORIES ARE REAL OR FAKE.

REAL FAKE

1



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The average U.S. teenager sends and receives an estimated 500 text messages a month.

2



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Ashton Kutcher became the first person on Twitter to have one million followers.

3



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In the wake of Paula Abdul's departure from *American Idol*, Miley Cyrus took over judging duties on the popular singing competition.

Our Class

FILL IN THE BLANK WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES.

- Best smile _____
- Best laugh _____
- Most unique _____
- Most athletic _____
- Most spirited _____
- Class clown _____
- Class flirt _____
- Class gossip _____
- Fastest texter _____
- Clumsiest _____
- Most dramatic _____
- Most likely to become President _____
- Most likely to get out of trouble by smiling _____
- Most likely to stay up late doing homework _____
- Most likely to capture everything on camera _____

Photo Scramble

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FAMOUS FACES BELONG TO? THE ANSWERS ARE INSIDE ZOOM!

Hint: This young star hit the Broadway stage at age 8 and now stars in a popular new musical-comedy TV series that won Best Television Series – Comedy or Musical at this year's Golden Globe Awards.



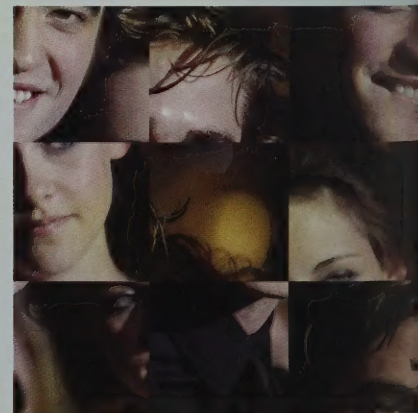
WHO IS SHE?

Hint: This young country singer/songwriter swept the music award shows this year including the Video Music Awards, Country Music Awards and the American Music Awards.



WHO IS SHE?

Hint: These stars of the night were honored at the Teen Choice Awards for sinking their teeth into their roles in the popular book-turned-movie *Twilight*.



WHO ARE THEY?

ANSWERS: Real or Fake? 1) Fake, it's really 2) Real 3) Fake, it's Ellen DeGeneres! Photo Scramble: 1) Lea Michele 2) Taylor Swift 3) Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson

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